



**Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Summary  
September 16, 2010  
4–5:30 p.m.**

**Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MLTPA CEO/Board President John Wentworth at 4:06 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library in Mammoth Lakes, CA. Also in attendance were Mammoth Trails Charter Members Hank Garretson (Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association), Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), and Alana Levin (High Sierra Triathlon Club); Stuart Brown (Town of Mammoth Lakes); Kim Stravers (MLTPA Foundation); and guest Jim Smith (representing the RecStrats Steering Committee).
- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. August 19, 2010, Meeting Summary:** This item was deferred to the October meeting.
- D. Special Updates**
- 1. Strategic Planning for Recreation in Mammoth Lakes (RECSTRATS):**  
*This item was taken out of order, after item A.* Mr. Smith shared that the RecStrats Steering Committee has had two meetings to date, the second of which was this morning. They are creating a strategic framework for recreation in Mammoth Lakes and conducted a “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats” (SWOT) analysis at their first meeting. Town Council members Rick Wood and Jo Bacon have developed a document outlining a proposed relationship between the TOML and the USFS, which was considered. The mission statement as it stands now is: “To be the best alpine outdoor-recreation community in the U.S.” At this morning’s meeting they began drafting other parts of the strategic framework and its guiding principles. They identified eight total strategies; the first seven are 1. high-altitude training center; 2. trails; 3. winter activities and recreation; 4. non-winter activities and recreation; 5. special events and programming; 6. arts and culture; and 7. municipal sports, recreation, and parks. They then drafted tactics to match the strategies/goals. The next steps involve implementation: identifying what we have, what we don’t have, and what we have that needs to be enhanced. Steering committee members are actively reaching out to other groups for input on the final document, which will be presented on October 12 in a workshop between the committee and the Recreation Commission, one hour before the regular commission meeting. During the regular meeting, the public may comment on the RecStrats document, which will be revised with these comments for submittal to Town Council on November 3. Mr. Wentworth concluded by

saying that MLTPA is funding this effort, but is not participating in any of the committees.

**2. Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Signage and Wayfinding:** *This item was taken out of order, after item D(5)a.*

- a. **Lakes Basin Path Ribbon-Cutting:** Mr. Wentworth stated that this ceremony was just for the lower portion of the path. The paving for the final, upper stretch of the path is slated for completion by October 27.
- b. **Type 2 Prototype in Mammoth Creek Park:** Mr. Wentworth stated that all signs currently on the ground are essentially prototypes and that the details of production are still being worked out.
- c. **Map, Signage & Wayfinding Committee Map Interface Review:** Mr. Wentworth stated that when the maps are more developed, they will be brought back to this committee for input. The current signage, both planned and installed, is mainly for summer activities, but moving forward we'll be dealing with soft-surface signage and winter signage.
- d. **Wayfinding and Signage Standards Manual:** Mr. Wentworth stated that the purpose of this manual is to ensure the health and longevity of the system regardless of fluctuations in agency capacity.
- e. **Mammoth Trails Web Site:** Mr. Wentworth stated that MLTPA is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inyo National Forest (INF) to facilitate development of this site, and that the QR codes on the signs will redirect to this site eventually.

**3. Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS):** Mr. Wentworth stated that there would be three special public meetings coming up that are information-oriented. The first will present existing conditions for recreation and mobility, at The Westin Monache Resort and via webinar, on September 30. The other two meeting dates are October 14 and October 28.

**4. Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) Trails Technical Committee (TTC)**

- a. **Trail System Master Plan CEQA Dovetailing:** Mr. Wentworth stated that MLTPA would submit approximately eight trail alignments to the TOML tomorrow for consideration during this environmental review.
  - i. **Trails Group #1:** No special updates were given at this time.
  - ii. **Borrow Pit:** Mr. Wentworth stated that there would be a paving test conducted in the area this winter. He noted further that a winter sports specialist has been hired by the INF.
  - iii. **Panorama Dome Working Group:** Mr. Garretson shared that John Morton, a biathlon specialist, is slated to come back before the snow falls to design the biathlon range, stadium, and trails with intent for year-round use.
  - iv. **Trails Group #2:** No special updates were given at this time.

## 5. Measure R

- a. **Fall 2010 Award Cycle (Stuart Brown):** *This item was taken out of order, after item D1.* Mr. Brown stated that the application period closes October 8. He shared copies of the priorities document and the application process timeline with the group.
  - b. **Fall 2009 Award Housekeeping (Andrew Kastor):** As Mr. Kastor could not make this meeting, this item was tabled, though Ms. Levin did note that she had used the Draft Equipment Checkout Procedure and it was very helpful.
    - i. **Draft Equipment Checkout Procedure**
    - ii. **Contract with TOML**
    - iii. **Purchase Update**
      - **PA system**
      - **Generators**
      - **Pop-up tent repair**
6. **Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Brown could not stay to provide this update, so the item was tabled.

## E. Member Events and Projects

1. **Summer of Stewardship 2010 Trail Days (Kim Stravers/Stacy Corless):** Mr. Wentworth stated that FOI and MLTPA will find a way to keep this program going and expand it next year despite the loss of the National Forest Foundation's Ski Conservation Fund grant opportunity.
  - a. **Panorama Dome Recap:** Ms. Stravers reported that there was great turnout for this event despite the inclement weather.
  - b. **Convict Lake Recap:** Ms. Stravers reported that this event closed out the stewardship partnership between FOI and MLTPA for 2010 and was well attended.
  - c. **National Public Lands Day at Obsidian Flat:** Ms. Stravers directed the group to visit [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org) for more information about this project.
2. **Sept. 5: Mammoth Rock Race Recap:** Ms. Levin reported that this event was a success and that the High Sierra Triathlon Club turned out for the stewardship event the previous weekend to help prep for the race.
3. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. **Sept. 18: Moeben Ultra-Marathon at Mammoth Mountain 25k/50k (Andrew Kastor):** As Mr. Kastor could not make this meeting, this item was tabled.
  - b. **Announcements and Updates:** In response to Mr. Garretson's question about the status of the Ormat project in Shady Rest, Mr. Wentworth stated that there are many issues still to be worked out, including public involvement. Ms. Levin issued a special thank-you to Brian Knox and Stacy Corless for attending the June Lake Triathlon and lending support. Mr. Wentworth shared that there would be a discussion at the Mono County Board of Supervisors

meeting on Tuesday in Bridgeport about potentially lifting the Wilderness Study Area designation from the Bodie Hills to open the area up to mining. He stated also that the Mountainfilm festival would be held Friday and Saturday as a fundraiser for MLTPA, ESAC, and FOI and encouraged the group's attendance.

**F. Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None.

**G. Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 21, 2010, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

**H. Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:25 p.m.