



## **Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Notes**

**November 18, 2010**

**4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) Board President/CEO John Wentworth at 4:06 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Stuart Brown (Town of Mammoth Lakes) and Kim Stravers (MLTPA); Mammoth Trails Charter Members Hank Garretson (Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association), Stacy Corless (Friends of the Inyo), and Forrest Cross (Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center); and guests Jon Crowley (Eastside Ski Running) and Terrence Mahon and Jonathan Pierce (Mammoth Track Club).
- B. Additions to Agenda:** Mr. Wentworth asked the group to introduce themselves to the guests. Mr. Cross announced that his organization is now Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center, as ESAC is now part of the Inyo National Forest. Mr. Brown noted that the Mammoth Lakes Winter/Spring Recreation Guide will be delivered tomorrow and made available by early next week.
- C. Organizational Items:**
- 1. Acceptance of October 21, 2010, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers):**  
The Charter Members accepted the meeting summary as submitted by consensus.
  - 2. Application for Charter Membership: Mammoth Track Club (Jonathan Pierce, Andrew Kastor, Kim Stravers):** Ms. Stravers introduced Mr. Pierce and Mr. Mahon and asked them to tell the group about their organization and why they are a good fit for Mammoth Trails. Mr. Pierce explained that they are an elite, private running club focused on high-altitude training and developing American distance runners at the national and international levels. They have nonprofit status through the Road Runners Club of America. The club is interested in sponsoring youth running programs and in getting more involved in the community, which they have done through "meet the elite" events in the summertime. Mr. Mahon shared that Mammoth Lakes is one of the best places in the world to train an elite endurance athlete, and part of wanting membership in Mammoth Trails is to create a foundation that lives beyond the immediate Mammoth Track Club members. Mr. Pierce shared the club's roster of membership and rules with the group and stated that their application packet is available if anyone would like further detail. After a group discussion, the Charter Members decided by consensus to allow Mammoth Track Club official membership in Mammoth Trails. Ms.

Stravers will bring the Mammoth Trails Charter to the December Mammoth Trails meeting so that Mr. Pierce may sign it on behalf of Mammoth Track Club.

- 3. Draft Equipment Checkout Procedure Update (Andrew Kastor):** Mr. Brown shared that he had spoken with Mr. Kastor recently and they discussed incorporating the checkout procedure into facility rental forms from the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). There was brief discussion about to whom this equipment can be rented, as some of it, such as the biathlon rifles and the timing system, is highly specialized. The group agreed that there should be some process endorsed by Mammoth Trails that identifies what sorts of qualifications a party need bring to the table in order to borrow this gear and what this gear can and cannot be used for. It was noted that use and procedure should be linked directly back to the original Mammoth Trails Measure R application that funded the purchase of these items. The group also discussed potentially charging a nominal fee or deposit to reserve the equipment in case anything is damaged or destroyed. The group will discuss these issues in more detail and develop a procedure that is mutually agreeable to Mammoth Trails and the TOML at the December Mammoth Trails meeting.

#### **D. Special Updates**

##### **1. Measure R Fall 2010 Award Cycle (Stuart Brown)**

- a. Recreation Commission Recommendations to Town Council:**

Mr. Brown reported that the Recreation Commission held their October 19 meeting with presentations from each applicant, then reconvened on October 26 for further discussion. Their recommendations will go before Town Council for a vote on December 1, and there will be a study session between the two groups at 5 p.m., prior to the Council meeting, to discuss the recommendations and application packets. Town Council may approve all recommendations or send the package back to the Recreation Commission for refinement. Mr. Brown also shared that Mammoth Nordic has temporarily suspended grooming for the winter and that the TOML and others will meet tomorrow regarding this issue. The Inyo National Forest (INF) will still groom their usual loops at Shady Rest. Mr. Wentworth noted that the Recreation Commission has recommended that MLTPA work with the TOML, the INF, and others to coordinate a long-term program for the entire Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS), including grooming in the wintertime. Mr. Brown shared that, due to the aforementioned capacity issues, TOML staff will recommend that Mammoth Nordic's request for \$5,400 in Measure R monies for a winter grooming program not be funded. He added that the TOML had forecasted Measure R revenues of \$60,000 for September, but the actual revenue was \$80,000. The entire pot of money for the fall

awards was not allocated, and this surplus will roll into the Spring 2011 Measure R award cycle.

Mr. Brown then noted that a Measure U Finance Committee has been assigned to supply Town Council with recommendations by March 1 regarding the mechanics of how to disburse Measure U funds. A Measure U Steering Committee will then be formed. Additionally, the monies the TOML had previously used to fulfill strategic marketing funding requests by nonprofit groups are planned to be rolled into Mammoth Lakes Tourism's funding; the organization will use these funds to help those groups as a whole, rather than allocate monies to each group separately.

**b. Key Upcoming Dates:** This item was addressed in item D(1)a, above.

- 2. Strategic Planning for Recreation in Mammoth Lakes (RecStrats):** Mr. Wentworth shared that this document will soon be posted to the MLTPA website. Mr. Brown shared that the Recreation Commission will begin considering strategies for RecStrats' implementation at their December 7 meeting.
  - 3. Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS):** Mr. Wentworth shared that the final meeting was held on October 28. The partners have since met to discuss how to get from where the public meetings left off to the development of a management plan, with more work happening next summer.
  - 4. Sherwins Area Recreation Plan Trails Technical Committee (SHARP TTC):** Mr. Wentworth shared that the celebration for the completion of the summer 2010 work program is at 5:30 p.m. this evening. There are approximately 10 miles of trail included in the CEQA for the Trail System Master Plan so that they may be considered for possible implementation as early as next summer.
  - 5. Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Brown shared that the November meeting will be held at the end of the month or possibly in the beginning of December.
- E. Member Events and Projects:** Ms. Corless shared that Friends of the Inyo is again hosting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival this year and passed out cards with more information (see attached). She invited Charter Members to place materials in the lobby. Mr. Cross shared that there will be a fundraiser for Friends of ESAC on December 17 that includes a TGR movie premiere. Friends of ESAC will hold their annual kickoff party on January 16 at Little Eagle Lodge, and Chris Davenport will be the featured speaker. Mr. Brown shared that the Town Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 3. Mr. Wentworth shared that MLTPA and Mammoth Lakes Tourism will host an open house for the MLTS on

December 13 at 5:30 p.m. at The Westin Monache Resort, and that this is the first of a series of open houses to be held every quarter. Ms. Stravers noted that public information about Sherwins egress will be coming soon. Mr. Crowley announced that the Eastside Ski Running Mammoth Chase randonnee race will be held on February 5 in the Sherwins.

**F. Announcements and Updates:** None.

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

**H. Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 16, 2010, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

**I. Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:00 p.m.