



Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Summary

June 17, 2010

4–5:00 p.m.

Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library by MLTPA CEO/Board President John Wentworth. Also in attendance were Kim Stravers (MLTPA); Stuart Brown and Danna Stroud (Town of Mammoth Lakes); Jon Kazmierski (Inyo National Forest); Charter Members Brian Knox (Mammoth Nordic), Kathy Copeland (Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra), Forrest Cross (Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center), Stacy Corless (Friends of the Inyo), Andrew Kastor (High Sierra Striders), Alana Levin (High Sierra Triathlon Club), and Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club); and guests Christian Fuller (Mammoth Middle School), Clayton Mendel (395 Fat Tire Council), and Robin Morning.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** At this time Mr. Fuller introduced himself as the new Mammoth Middle School cross-country running coach. He is also acting as the community liaison for the team.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Approval of May 13, 2010 Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers):** The Charter Members approved the minutes by consensus as amended, with the following clarification from Mr. Knox to be made to item E1: replace the last sentence in the paragraph with “Mammoth Nordic has an application in for funding to expand the Nordic grooming program and Nordic trail system in the Shady Rest Campground area near the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center.”
 - 2. Mammoth Trails Online Calendar (Kim Stravers):** Ms. Stravers confirmed that the Charter Members had received the correct login information.
- D. Special Updates**
- 1. Election Results:** Mr. Wentworth reported that Rick Wood, Matt Lehman, and John Eastman had won the three open Town Council seats and that Measure U passed, the revenue from which will begin to be collected in 2011.
 - 2. Town Rec Dept. Reorganization (Danna Stroud):** Ms. Stroud reported that, as of July 1, the Recreation Department will have relocated to the Town Offices and Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), the new Destination Marketing Organization, will begin handling the Town’s tourism and marketing efforts from the former Tourism & Recreation Department offices next to the Welcome Center. MLT is preparing to make an offer to their choice for its executive director position such that the candidate

would start sometime in July. Mr. Wentworth then distributed the document he and outgoing Town Council member Wendy Sugimura had prepared regarding the future of the Recreation Department and the shape of the Recreation Director position they are recommending (“Recreation Vision and Policy Development,” attached). Town Council will consider these guidelines as they develop the Recreation Director job description and the structure and responsibilities of the Recreation Department.

3. Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP)

a. Trails Technical Committee (TTC)

- i. Meeting #3 (May 19) Recap:** Mr. Wentworth shared that the meeting focused on development of the Borrow Pit Staging Area and that USFS Landscape Architect Katy Kabbe will incorporate feedback received from the group at this meeting into the next version of her site plan.
- ii. Meeting #4 (June 12): Field-Training Day/Trails Group #1 Recap:** Mr. Wentworth shared that USFS Trails Specialist Keith Dawley joined the group to provide technical direction and skills-building information related to the types of detailed trails-planning the SHARP TTC will be taking on this summer. The participants succeeded in staking out a preferred trail alignment and alternatives for Map ID #S13, which will connect the Mammoth Rock Trail to the Borrow Pit Staging Area.
- iii. Meeting #5 (June 17): Trails Group #1/Map ID #S7:** Mr. Wentworth announced that this meeting would commence at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon, directly after the Mammoth Trails meeting has finished, and will focus on Map ID #S07, which connects the Borrow Pit Staging Area to the proposed Tamarack Street Trailhead.

b. Panorama Dome/Solitude Canyon Working Group: *This item was taken out of order after item E(b).* Mr. Wentworth shared that local resident Jim Barnes has expressed interest in spearheading this effort and that a team meeting should be planned soon.

- 4. Ormat/Shady Rest Project: Interested Parties:** Mr. Wentworth shared that Austin McInerney, who had facilitated the Sherwins Working Group, has been hired by Ormat’s environmental consulting firm to conduct the public-outreach process for the geothermal energy plant project in the Shady Rest area. Ormat must identify the project’s recreation impacts as part of the environmental review process; it’s the community’s task to develop potential mitigations to those impacts, and they may do so without Ormat’s assistance, direction, or participation. MLTPA will be involved in this effort only as an interested community organization. Mr. Kazmierski reported that the grant applied for by the USFS to do further OSV and OHV recreation planning in the area will likely be approved thanks to the needs presented by the Ormat project.

5. Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown): Mr. Brown reported that approximately 20 people attended the May meeting and that he is currently compiling the homework assignments he's received since then (regarding organizational interface and short-/long-term goals) in preparation for the June 28 meeting, which will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. He also noted at this time that the Mammoth Lakes Summer/Fall 2010 Recreation Guide is now available throughout town, mentioning specifically that the High Sierra Events ad is a collaborative one from Mammoth Trails Charter Members. Mr. Brown further noted that the new Town of Mammoth Lakes Web site is live and that www.visitmammoth.com, formerly owned by the now-defunct Tourism & Recreation Department, will now be owned and maintained by MLT.

6. Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Signage and Wayfinding: Mr. Wentworth shared that MLTPA will head out in to the field with the USFS and the Town to stake locations for the signs on the Town Loop and the Lakes Basin Path next week and that they are working on refining each sign's messages. The Type 2 prototype is still slated for installation at Mammoth Creek Park this summer. He noted further that www.mammothtrails.org will be listed on the Type 2 sign maps, which will feature QR codes that link to the Web address and will eventually feature more detailed information about available recreation experiences and the clubs that support them. Ms. Levin mentioned that Paul Page will be in touch with MLTPA after the High Sierra Triathlon on June 9 to discuss how the High Sierra Triathlon Club can assist with this effort.

- a. Map, Signage and Wayfinding Subcommittee: Ethics Messaging:** The group did not discuss this topic.
- b. Type 2 Prototype in Mammoth Creek Park:** See above.
- c. Spiess Contract/Lakes Basin Path Opening:** See above.
- d. Wayfinding and Signage Standards Manual:** See above.

E. Member Events and Projects

1. U.S. Biathlon Association Visit Recap (Hank Garretson): Mr. Knox noted that Mr. Garretson is meeting with the association representatives right now and is absent from the Mammoth Trails meeting for this reason. He shared that he had had dinner with them the previous evening and that he and others met with those representatives in the Lakes Basin this morning to tour prospective winter biathlon range locations by identifying primary criteria. The goal of this visit and its ongoing efforts is to provide for high-altitude training and (hopefully) eventual international competition. The group will tour Shady Rest tomorrow.

2. Measure R

- a. Spring 2010 Awards Report:** Mr. Wentworth shared that the Tourism & Recreation Commission (TRC) has recommended the following projects for funding through Measure R (partial list): MLTPA for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Wayfinding and

Signage Standards Manual; Mammoth Trails for the purchase of a race clock and additional equipment; the Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club for efforts related to rehabilitating the Town tennis courts; efforts related to the winter biathlon; the Town for efforts in the Community Center Park; and the dog agility event. Town Council will review these recommendations on June 23 and approve or deny funding from the approximately \$89,000 pot. Projects not recommended by the TRC will be able to reapply in the Fall 2010 cycle. Mr. Wentworth further noted that there are opportunities to evaluate via strategic planning how all of these projects and resources can work together for a greater result. The group briefly discussed the denial of Mammoth Nordic's application, with Ms. Stroud explaining that the TRC has requested additional information to be provided with a reapplication in the fall. Ms. Levin volunteered to assist Mammoth Nordic in further planning and reapplication.

- b. Fall 2009 Award Housekeeping (Andrew Kastor):** *This item was taken out of order after item D3a(iii).* Ms. Stravers read from the e-mail message provided by Mr. Kastor in advance of the meeting (see attached), as he was unable to stay to address this agenda item.
 - i. Equipment Check-Out Procedure:** See above.
 - ii. Rate Card:** See above.
 - iii. Contract with TOML:** See above.
 - iv. Purchase Update:** See above.
- 3. Summer of Stewardship 2010 Trail Days (Stacy Corless):** Ms. Corless shared that there was a huge turnout for first event of the season, at Gull Lake, and that the next event is a Lakes Basin cleanup for Protect Our Headwaters Day on July 3. She noted also that, next week, Friends of the Inyo will conduct Mammoth Lakes Basin Host Program training for interested parties.
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation Party Recap:** See above.
 - b. Trail Days Schedule:** See above.
- 4. High Sierra Triathlon: Mammoth Trails Presence (Alana Levin/Brian Knox):** Mr. Knox shared that he will have the Mammoth Trails pop-up tent at the event on July 9 and 10, and that interested Charter Members should be in touch with him about participating. Ms. Levin noted that it may be possible to place the tent next to the Disabled Sports tent, which receives a lot of traffic, and encouraged members to bring entry forms for future events.
- 5. Recent Events**
 - a. Bishop High Sierra Ultra-Marathon: May 15 (Hank Garretson):**
The group did not discuss this item, as Mr. Garretson was unable to attend the meeting.
- 6. Upcoming Events**

a. Footloose Freedom Mile on July 4: This item was mentioned briefly.

F. Announcements and Updates: None.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 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 Charter Members reached consensus to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m.