



**Mammoth Trails Meeting Summary
June 16, 2011
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

- A. Call to Order:** Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Mammoth Trails Charter Members Andrew Kastor (High Sierra Striders), Malcom Clark (Sierra Club), and Forrest Cross (Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center); MLTPA paid intern Jill Morrison; and TOML Recreation Manager Stuart Brown.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** No additions were made to the agenda.
- C. Organizational Items**
1. **Acceptance of May 19, 2011, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers)**
(attachment): The summary was accepted by the Charter Members as submitted.
- D. Special Updates**
1. **John Wentworth apologizes:** Kim Stravers noted that John Wentworth was unable to attend the meeting due to his commitment at the Town Liaison Committee meeting to represent the Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS). Mr. Wentworth was attempting to move forward the process of getting the MLTS under special-use permit with the Forest Service.
 2. **RecStrats Implementation Workshop Updates (for Stuart Brown)**
 - a. **High-Altitude Training, June 8:** Stuart Brown updated the group on the success of the High-Altitude Training workshop, noting that there were around 20 people and most of those people had attended previous workshops. He highlighted the fact that many consistent points were coming out of the meetings.
 - b. **Special Rec Comm. meeting, June 8:** There was no specific mention of this meeting.
 - c. **Linkages & Priorities, June 23:** Stuart Brown stated that the next meeting will focus on linkages and opportunities. There are six core linkages, including trails, indoor facilities, and event venues, among others. These were the ideas that received the most "dots" (votes) at the meetings. Mr. Brown noted that a press release had been published with a narrative about what the hopeful outcome of the workshop will be. He also informed the Charter Members that he has several other documents about the goals and future results of this process, which he would be happy to share. The first draft of the process report is expected to be out for the Recreation Commission on July 12th. The consultants are hoping to have the report in front of the Town Council by September or October.

Kim Stravers noted that it is encouraging to see people from different organizations coming together at the tables and developing similar ideas. She noted that it is important for the Charter Members and their organization's members to attend the Linkages meeting.

3. **Measure R Spring 2011 Awards (Stuart Brown):** Stuart Brown noted that two awards were approved: the Mammoth Biathlon (\$35,000) and the MLTS signage project (\$70,000).
4. **TOML Budget Process Update (Stuart Brown):** Stuart Brown stated that the Town was in a very difficult budget-cutting process. Included in these potential cuts were \$880,000 in labor cuts, three police officers, and \$150,000 out of the Recreation Department's budget. He noted that the process will go back to the Recreation Commission on Tuesday and back to the Town Council on Wednesday. Mr. Brown noted that it is being asked of the Commission to fund the Whitmore Pool (\$83,000) through Measure R. Andrew Kastor asked what plans exist for Measure U. Stuart Brown said funding for Measure U begins on July 1st and will follow a similar process as Measure R. Kim Stravers encouraged the members to watch the Council meeting from Wednesday night and stay active as citizens in the budget process, as recreation will suffer from this round of budget cuts. Stuart Brown noted that the Town Council plans to adopt the budget June 22nd.
5. **Summer of Stewardship 2011**
 - a. **Co-Hosting Opportunities:** Kim Stravers encouraged the clubs to sponsor one of the Summer of Stewardship events. She noted that the more club members an organization can bring to the event, the better. Ms. Stravers stated that an organization should strive to promote themselves as a caring recreation club and should get their club members to show up and volunteer. She noted that Charter Members who know of anyone interested in being business sponsors (e.g., Footloose) should have those interested parties contact Stacy Corless of Friends of the Inyo. In response to a statement that weekends are a difficult time for organizations to commit to an event, Ms. Stravers noted that a couple of events will be held later in the fall, possibly on weekdays, as add-ons to the Summer of Stewardship. This would include a day to take off the old oval Town logos on bollards on the Town Loop and a day of constructing a small dirt trail from the tunnel on the Lakes Basin Path to the start of the Panorama Dome Trail.
 - i. **July 16: Horseshoe Lake/McCleod Trail (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.):** No members signed up to sponsor this event.
 - ii. **July 30: Coldwater Trailheads (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.):** No members signed up to sponsor this event.
 - iii. **Aug. 13: Inyo Craters (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.):** Andrew Kastor stated that High Sierra Striders will consider hosting this event.
 - iv. **Aug. 27: Lake George Trailheads (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.):** No members signed up to sponsor this event.

- v. **Sept. 11: Convict Lake (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co. and Convict Lake Resort):** No members signed up to sponsor this event.
 - b. **Kickoff Event July 2, Sherwin Lakes Trailhead/Mammoth Rock Trail (High Sierra Triathlon Club/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.):** Kim Stravers noted that the High Sierra Triathlon Club would be sponsoring this first event and that the Old New York Deli and Bagel Company will be providing breakfast at every event this summer.
- 6. **Mammoth Lakes Trail System:** Kim Stravers noted that John Wentworth is currently meeting with the Town Liaison Committee to discuss putting the Mammoth Lakes Trail System under a special-use permit from the Forest Service.
 - a. **Mammoth Biathlon Feasibility Study Participation and Volunteers:** Ms. Stravers stated that MLTPA will be working with Mammoth Biathlon and their consultants as project managers to move the feasibility study forward. She noted that there may be a need for a local advisory committee to assess where the best site will be for this event. Ms. Stravers encouraged the Charter Members to volunteer and participate in this committee.
- 7. **Mammoth Trails Website: Activities/Persona Development**
 - a. **Update on Participant Meetings:** Kim Stravers relayed the latest developments on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System website to the Charter Members. She stated that MLTPA is meeting with Mammoth Trails members throughout the week and is having them develop five to ten experiences that they would want to see available for users with different ability levels. She noted that MLTPA is hoping to present the results of this information to the Recreation Commission on July 12th either as a demo website or a wireframe. Ms. Stravers said that she is hoping the Mammoth Trails members will provide an outside perspective for a beta test when it is ready.
- 8. **Shady Rest/Casa Diablo 4:** Kim Stravers noted that no public document has yet been produced. She also said that nothing about the motorized staging area has been presented publicly. Forrest Cross noted that the development in Shady Rest might also include the updating of current equipment, which is speculated to mean rebuilding the current power plant. Kim Stravers suggested any interested members should follow up with the Town liaisons to the Casa Diablo project: Council members Jo Bacon and Matt Lehman.
- 9. **Tamarack Street Public Access/Terry Plum Development Project:** Kim Stravers noted that Terry Plum's application has been accepted. Mr. Plum is interested in beginning construction on a trail across his land. Ms. Stravers noted that the interested parties want to know what will happen with the trail when it crosses off Mr. Plum's property and onto Forest Service land. In response to a question about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, Ms. Stravers noted that the intent is that the entire trail is ADA accessible. She also reminded the members that the initial proposal included six to seven parking spaces, with one being ADA compliant. However, with input from members of the

neighborhood, they may have pulled out all of the parking except the ADA space. Ms. Stravers suggested contacting Ellen Clark at the Town for more information.

- E. Announcements and Updates:** Kim Stravers reminded the members that fuels reduction on Panorama Dome is set to begin at the end of next month and the Dome will be closed for the majority of the summer. She also stated that the Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS) is out for review and is up on the MLTPA website. She related that although the LABSS report is not an official Forest Service management document, it will guide the official process. This following Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cerro Coso Community College computer lab there will be a public meeting to discuss this document. Andrew Kastor noted that the Sixth Annual Footloose Freedom Run will be held on Monday, July 4th. Ms. Stravers noted that the June Lake Triathlon will be held July 9th and Stuart Brown stated that the high school swim team triathlon will be July 2nd. Mr. Brown also noted that the Whitmore Pool opens to the public on Saturday, June 20th, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and will include a barbeque. Several members noted that a lot of snow remains in the Lakes Basin. Ms. Stravers told the members that MLTPA is planning on doing the SHARP TTC again around the Mill City area. She said it probably won't be kicked off until at least July 30th due to snow. Malcom Clark asked about the piece of trail behind Snowcreek V that was proposed to be ADA compliant. Kim Stravers believed that an alignment has been developed but said she would check in with John Wentworth to confirm. She noted that MLTPA will be hiring Keith Dawley to do the technical design detail work on certain SHARP trails so that the projects can be at the required 65% completion threshold before construction can begin.
- F. Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None.
- G. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2011, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room:** This was confirmed by Kim Stravers.
- H. Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:50 p.m.