



Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Agenda
December 16, 2010
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

- A. Call to Order:** MLTPA CEO/Board President John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Charter Members Hank Garretson (Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association), Andrew Kastor (High Sierra Striders), Jonathan Pierce (Mammoth Track Club), Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), and Forrest Cross (Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center); Kim Stravers and Drew Blankenbaker (MLTPA Foundation); and guests Laura Beardsley and Jon Crowley (Eastside Ski Running) and James Connolly (Mammoth Motorcycle Club).

The group introduced themselves to one another. Ms. Beardsley briefly described Eastside Ski Runners' purpose and shared that they are actively pursuing a Mammoth Trails application and nonprofit status. She noted also that their event, the Mammoth Chase, will be the only randonnee race in California this season; they are hoping for 50 competitors. Mr. Connolly described the Mammoth Motorcycle Club as mostly off-highway vehicle (OHV)-oriented trail users, local and non-local, who are working with the Inyo National Forest (INF) to make the OHV trail system more clear and user friendly for next summer. They also are pursuing the opening of the local motocross track for more than just the annual race event. MammothMC.com is their website. They have GPS downloads for trail rides, ride reports, photos, and other information.

- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.

C. Organizational Items

- 1. Acceptance of November 18, 2010, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers):** By consensus, the summary was accepted by the Charter Members as written.
- 2. Draft Equipment Checkout Procedure (Andrew Kastor and Stuart Brown):** Mr. Kastor explained the draft form (attached) supplied by Mr. Brown, who was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Brown had asked Mr. Kastor to consider a deposit for checkout of equipment; Mr. Kastor had suggested a \$500 or \$1,000 fee, as the timing system alone is worth \$20,000. Mr. Kastor gave the group a brief history of this equipment and how it was acquired through Measure R. He noted that the swim buoys are still yet to be purchased and that Alana Levin (High Sierra Triathlon Club) is working on those details. He noted that Mike Gable wants to put on a Mule Mile road race for the Mule Days parade in May in Bishop and that he would like to borrow the timing system. Ms. Stravers noted that

rentals will have to be vetted against the Measure R ordinance and suggested that Mr. Brown speak to this in the future, perhaps at the January 2011 meeting. Mr. Garretson pointed out that the form is missing language requiring equipment to be returned in the condition in which it was lent: a damage clause, information about an inspection process for checkout and check-in, etc. Mr. Kastor also noted that the specialized training for the timing system would be not with the HSS, but with the person who trained them. Mr. Wentworth suggested that language be added describing how this equipment came to be and asking those who rent the equipment to respect this. MLTPA will follow up with Mr. Brown about changes to this form and will bring a new version back to the group at their January 2011 meeting.

- a. **Fee?** This item was addressed in item C2, above.
- b. **Incorporation into TOML facility rental paperwork:** This item was addressed in item C2, above.
- c. **Qualifications for checkout:** It was agreed that the TOML should determine who is fit to rent the equipment, not Mammoth Trails.
- d. **Equipment use rules and prohibitions:** The group agreed that a separate discussion should be held to discuss training for all of the equipment. Mr. Cross suggested drafting an instruction manual for each piece of gear that will be provided to the renter.

D. Special Updates

1. **Shady Rest Winter Program (Mike Schlafmann and Ray Jarvis):** *As Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Schlafmann were unable to attend this meeting, Mr. Wentworth addressed this item.* Mr. Wentworth explained that this program has to do with the agreement that Ormat, who owns the geothermal wells in the Shady Rest area, has with the TOML and the INF regarding plowing and wintertime access to their wells and how that activity will impact motorized and non-motorized recreation in the area. Though there are no hard details yet, it appears that the program will be similar to the one executed last winter; Mr. Wentworth noted that, through Ormat, Sawmill Cutoff Road will likely be plowed out to Shady Rest Park. Mr. Garretson shared that he had spoken to Brian Knox (Mammoth Nordic) recently, who mentioned discussions between the TOML and the INF about a Nordic grooming program in Shady Rest for this winter. Mr. Knox has offered his assistance with this program.
2. **Strategic Planning for Recreation in Mammoth Lakes (RecStrats)**
 - a. **Town Council action:** Mr. Wentworth shared that, at their December 15 meeting, Town Council agreed to allocate up to \$50,000 to conduct a facilitated process to flesh out the seven core strategies of RecStrats, such that by June 2011 the community's desires for facilities and programs will be known, inventoried, and made ready for implementation through these strategies. The

Recreation Commission will hold one meeting for each strategy, beginning in January (one per week), and anyone with an interest in that strategy can come to that meeting with ideas. Once all meetings have been completed, they will be compared to identify commonalities and efficiencies. This process will help to determine how best to spend the near \$1 million coming in each year from Measure R and Measure U. MLTPA will get information to Mammoth Trails regarding the meeting schedule, and how to prepare for these meetings, before the January 20 Mammoth Trails meeting. Mr. Wentworth noted that a request for proposals (RFP) went out through the TOML this morning for a facilitator, and that though MLTPA may assist with this process by providing staff support, they will not be directly involved in the work to be done.

b. Recreation Commission meeting results: This item was covered in item D(2)a, above.

- 3. Measure R Fall 2010 Awards (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Wentworth noted that Town Council voted to accept the package as presented by the Recreation Commission.
- 4. TOML/MLTPA Scope of Work and Coming Projects:** Mr. Wentworth noted that the Mammoth Trails website will soon be coming online and that it will incorporate the recreation data collected from the Charter Members. More information will be available in January. Also, this winter may see the start of work on signage and wayfinding for soft-surface trails and winter signage with the Map, Signage & Wayfinding Committee.
- 5. MLTS Open House Report:** Mr. Wentworth reported that the event went well and that there were approximately 80 people in attendance. MLTPA will take a smaller version of the presentation to Town Council, Town commissions, service clubs, and whoever else is interested in viewing it.
- 6. Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown):** As Mr. Brown was unable to attend this meeting, this item was deferred to the January 20 Mammoth Trails meeting. The next Sports Council meeting will be held at the end of January 2011.

E. Member Events and Projects

- 1. Friends of ESAC fundraiser/TGR movie premiere, December 17:** Mr. Cross shared that the event will take place at Canyon Lodge and that tickets will cost \$15 at the door. There will be a raffle. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 8:00 p.m. Jeremy Jones and others affiliated with the movie will be in attendance.
- 2. Friends of ESAC kickoff event, Eagle Lodge, January 16:** Mr. Cross noted that Chris Davenport will give a presentation on his travels to Antarctica and that this will likely happen at Canyon, not Eagle, Lodge. Clinics and other events will be held during the day.

3. **Eastside Ski Running “Mammoth Chase” randonnee race, Sherwins, February 5:** Mr. Wentworth suggested that Mr. Crowley get in touch with Mr. Brown about this event. Mr. Crowley said that local publicity efforts will start this weekend, and that the event has been announced on the United States Ski Mountaineering Association forums. He described the course as 10 to 15 miles in total, with two different divisions separated by elevation gain: recreation division, 2,800 vertical feet; race division, 6,000 vertical feet.

Mr. Garretson noted that the winter biathlon will be held on March 26 and 27, 2011, with juniors racing on Saturday and the seniors and elite class racing on Sunday. There will be a special National Guard challenge, plus clinics. There may be upward of 200 to 250 competitors this year.

Mr. Kastor noted that the December issue of *Runner’s World* magazine features Shalane Flanagan, who was the second-place finisher in the last New York City Marathon. Jen Ryans placed first in the women’s half-marathon portion of the Las Vegas Rock-n-Roll Marathon, and Josh Cox won the full-length men’s division. There were 10 High Sierra Striders entered in the event.

Mr. Cross mentioned that the beacon basin at Main Lodge is up and running and that the avalanche forecasts are being sent out. Mr. Wentworth suggested that a “Measure R at Work!” placard be put up by the beacon basin to promote that the equipment was purchased with public funds.

F. Announcements and Updates: None.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 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 4:59 p.m.