



Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Summary
March 17, 2011
4:00 to 5:30 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 CEO/Board President John Wentworth at 4:06 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Charter Members Forrest Cross (Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center), Andrew Kastor (High Sierra Striders), Alana Levin (High Sierra Triathlon Club), and Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club Range of Light); MLTPA Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers and Natural Resources Director Drew Blankenbaker; Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Manager Stuart Brown; Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi; Mammoth Lakes Town Council Mayor Pro Tem/Casa Diablo 4 Subcommittee Liaison Jo Bacon; and Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission Chair Bill Sauser.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.
- C. Organizational Items**
1. **Acceptance of February 17, 2011, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers) (attachment):** The summary was accepted by the Charter Members by consensus as submitted.
 2. **Charter Member Annual Meeting (John Wentworth):** Mr. Wentworth noted that he would like to get the Charter Members together to review the Mammoth Trails application and other charter documents as well as to plan for the April 13–14 RecStrats meetings concerning winter and non-winter trails and recreation.
- D. Special Updates**
1. **Shady Rest/Casa Diablo 4 Subcommittee (Jo Bacon) (attachment):** Ms. Bacon took the floor and presented a PowerPoint slideshow to the group concerning updates to the Casa Diablo 4 (CD4) geothermal expansion to the east and north of Shady Rest Park. (A printed version of the slides was also passed out; see attached.) She explained that a pre-scoping report was generated from consultant Austin McInerney's conversations with local recreation-interested citizens a few months ago, and that the issues illustrated in her slideshow relate to these discoveries. She and fellow Council member Matt Lehman have been appointed to liaise with the community, review potential project impacts vis-a-vis the TOML's permit for/operations of Shady Rest Park, and to review potential impacts of the proposed well field and pipelines within the municipal boundary. Ms. Bacon noted that she was unsure when the Notice of Intent—the document that triggers the formal public scoping process—will be posted, but when it happens there will be a public meeting to discuss considerations. Pre-identified issues include the need for the proposal to consider the TOML General Plan, Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Draft Trail System Master Plan. The Info National Forest (INF) and the Bureau of Land Management will approve what goes into the final environmental analysis.

The intent is to begin work on the new plant in the summer of 2012. Further comments on this presentation can be forwarded to Ms. Bacon and Mr. Lehman through MLTPA.

2. **Shady Rest Staging Project (INF):** Mr. Wentworth explained that this project is on hold for now and that the community should expect to see a formal proposal from the INF that will interface with CD4. It is anticipated that after the April RecStrats meetings, Recreation Commissioners and perhaps MLTPA will likely meet with the INF to discuss how the input at these workshops can be accommodated through the Shady Rest Staging Project.
3. **RecStrats Implementation Workshops (Stuart Brown) (*attachments*)**
 - a. **Trails, April 13–14:** Mr. Sauser noted that the first meeting (“Municipal Sports and Recreation”) went very well and that he encourages continued attendance for the upcoming trails workshops. Mr. Brown noted that the community is primarily driving these interactive workshops, and that the comment form on RecStrats.com is another way to participate. Meeting participants will be noticed when meeting notes have been posted to RecStrats.com. MLTPA can prepare a text-based email for clubs to forward to their members to generate participation.
4. **Measure R Spring 2011 Award Cycle (Stuart Brown)**
 - a. **New Applications (*attachments*):** Mr. Brown stated that the process opened March 14 and will close at noon on April 15; all application materials are available on townofmammothlakes.com. He further noted that spring funding is reserved for emergency and time-sensitive projects that were not in motion in the fall; funding not awarded in this cycle will roll over into the Measure R Fall 2011 Award Cycle.
 - b. **Previous Years’ Reporting:** Mr. Brown stated that applicants must complete performance reports on previous awards before applying for spring 2011 funding. Mr. Kastor will do the reporting for Mammoth Trails’ prior award. Mr. Wentworth added that the idea of using Measure R and Measure U for bonding purposes, as mentioned in recent TOML finance meetings, has been abandoned for the moment, as the unattractive economic climate and the recent settlement against the TOML make bonding difficult.
5. **Measure R Award Equipment Purchase Update (Andrew Kastor):** Mr. Kastor shared that equipment yet to be purchased through the awarded fall 2009 application include swim buoys, a race clock, and a P.A. system. Mr. Urdi shared that Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) is willing to donate back the TOML P.A. system that they inherited. Ms. Levin and Mr. Kastor will work together to acquire the outstanding items.

Mr. Cross shared that there is one beacon basin running at the mountain and that his organization is working through issues related to the installation of the second basin, such as the small financial shortfall from the award. The group recommended that he put in a spring 2011 application for the difference, as it’s only about \$800 and the reason for the shortfall was that the purchase price went up just before Friends of ESAC had received their Measure R check.
6. **Draft Equipment Checkout Form Update (Stuart Brown) (*attachments*)**

a. **March 8 Recreation Commission Meeting Results:** Mr. Brown shared that the Commission has decided that Mammoth Trails Charter Members, as the original applicants, should be prioritized over others wishing to check out the equipment, even though this equipment is part of the municipal pool. They also asked that equipment life cycles be tracked as part of the maintenance fund, in that the end of a piece of equipment's usefulness can be a good time to decide if a replacement or additional equipment is needed. The draft version has been adopted and will be used going forward.

7. **Tamarack Street Public Access/Terry Plum Development Project (John Wentworth):** Mr. Wentworth noted that this item is on the April 23 Planning Commission agenda and that there is another Tamarack Street Neighborhood Association meeting next week. If anyone wishes to write in support of the neighborhood association's letter, as MLTPA will do, they should get in touch with MLTPA for details.
8. **2011/2012 Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Brown stated that ads are due March 25 for the guide, which will now be produced annually (May through April). A Mammoth Trails group ad may be run if desired, at a 10% discount.
9. **Mammoth Lakes Tourism Brochure (John Urdi):** Mr. Urdi explained that they are still finalizing the calendar with dates and brief descriptions of camps, races, trail days, and other events. He noted that there will be a separate arts and entertainment poster, sports poster, and fishing poster, but one comprehensive brochure, which will be printed in a run of 150,000 to 200,000 and be distributed from San Diego to Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Anyone wishing to have their events added to the calendar should supply the name, date, website, and a 25-word description to Mr. Urdi as soon as possible.

Mr. Urdi further noted that he recently met with Mr. Kastor and Elaine Smith of the High Sierra Striders to discuss expanding Deena Kastor's running camps to drive shoulder-season visitation, potentially planning to fill the entire month of September with running camps and events. An elite triathlon team may be coming here in May to train, and MLT may rent a Snowcreek condo this summer to host visiting athletes.
10. **Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Brown shared that the next meeting is March 28 and will likely be held at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center.

E. Member Events and Projects

1. **Update: Winter Biathlon, Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center, March 26–27 (Hank Garretson):** Mr. Wentworth shared that MLTPA will be making and serving lingonberry pancakes at the biathlon and encouraged all members to attend and show support for this growing event.

F. **Announcements and Updates:** Ms. Stravers reminded the group that MLTPA will present its quarterly update on its Measure R-funded contract with the TOML on April 5 at the Recreation Commission meeting and that a video of the PowerPoint presentation will be available to watch on Vimeo on April 6 via mltpa.org. Mr. Kastor announced that

on March 20 at 4:30 a.m. local time, the New York City Marathon will be broadcast live, featuring racers from the High Sierra Striders.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 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 5:30 p.m.