



**Regular Meeting Summary
February 16, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

- A. Call to Order:** Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) President and CEO John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room. Also in attendance were Mammoth Trails Charter Members Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), Drew Foster (Friends of the Inyo), Rita Klabacha (High Sierra Triathlon Club/Mammoth Track Club), and Alan Campos (High Sierra Striders); TOML Recreation Manager Stuart Brown; MLTPA Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers and MLTPA Paid Intern Jill Morrison.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** No additions were made to the agenda.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Acceptance by Charter Members of January 19, 2012, Meeting Summary (attachment):** Mr. Foster pointed out that while the summary stated that “Mr. Foster noted that ESIA is taking over at the Visitor Center,” ESIA has not yet officially taken over control. By consensus of the Charter Members present, the summary was accepted as submitted.
 - 2. Charter Member Updates:** Rita Klabacha updated the Charter Members that the June Lake Triathlon will be held July 7, 2012. Ms. Klabacha also noted that the Mammoth Track Club has a fundraiser with the High Sierra Striders at Rafters at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012, to raise money for the track. Mr. Campos, on behalf of High Sierra Striders, noted that Eastside Ski Runners’ Jon Crowley should get in touch with High Sierra Striders President Andrew Kastor about writing a Measure R application for Mammoth Trails radios. Mr. Foster stated that Mono County Board of Supervisors District 3 Representative Vikki Bauer held a meeting in June Lake to discuss the implementation of the Inyo National Forest’s Travel Management Plan, which will resume in April or May of 2012. Mr. Clark noted that the Sierra Club, which normally has outings on Thursday and Sunday mornings, will be adding a class on winter survival Saturday, February 25, 2012, to coincide with a class the following Sunday. Mr. Clark also noted that Friends of the Inyo Executive Director Stacy Corless attended a recent Conservation Fund Committee meeting and that, together, Ms. Corless and the committee came up with a plan for the committee to help out on Coastal Clean-Up Day sometime in September, possibly in the Lakes Basin. Ms. Stravers noted that before last year’s Mammoth Rock Race, the High Sierra Triathlon Club cleaned up the Mammoth Rock Trail, as it directly benefited them. Along the same lines, Mr. Foster suggested that when the June Lake Trails Committee does trail work on Saturday, June 23, 2012, the group could also clean up the Tarns Trail to benefit the June Lake Triathlon.
- D. Special Updates**
- 1. Mammoth Lakes Trail System**

- a. **TOML/INF Partnership Resolution:** Mr. Wentworth stated that the TOML/INF partnership resolution was approved by Town Council on February 1.
- b. **Measure R Fall 2011 Funding:** Mr. Wentworth noted that Town Council approved a minimum of \$300,000 annually for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) for an initial term of five years. He explained that because the current Town Council cannot bind a future council, this is an important political commitment, but a future council could reverse the decision.
- c. **MLTS Coordinating Committee:** Mr. Wentworth informed the group that the MLTS Coordinating Committee (MLTS CC) will function like an advisory committee, with public meetings and public notice. He explained that the discussion of how MLTS projects will move forward will be brought up at the MLTS CC meetings, with the goal of having a list of prioritized projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Wentworth noted that he hopes that, through the MLTS CC, Measure R could fully or partially fund the Summer of Stewardship program.
 - i. **Potential user-group seat:** This item was not addressed.
- d. **Westin High-Altitude Training Camps Support:** This item was not addressed.

E. TOML Reporting

- a. **Measure R Fall 2011 Funding Awards:** Mr. Brown updated the group that the TOML has decided to keep the Fourth of July fireworks at Crowley Lake rather than moving them to The Village at Mammoth. He emphasized, however, that the Town is interested in maximizing summer opportunities and events in order to bring people to town. Mr. Brown stated that the TOML is currently putting out their recreation brochure, which includes only TOML programs. However, he encouraged the Charter Members to contact him if their club has youth program events, which he will post in online calendar form and as a PDF printout. Mr. Brown updated the group that on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. a meeting will be held at the library to discuss summer programs. Afterward, the meeting attendees will walk over to the ice rink to brainstorm ideas on how to use the ice rink as a year-round, multi-use facility. Mr. Brown noted that Town Council approved recommendations by the Measure U Steering Committee to move forward, with the hope of getting Measure U money out to the community before summer.
- b. **MLLA Lawsuit Settlement:** Mr. Brown explained that Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition (MLLA) served a writ of payment to the Town, demanding payment in full of the original settlement amount, plus interest, within 30 days. The Town is now moving toward mediation and working with a consulting firm in Texas to gain advice on bankruptcy. Mr. Brown noted that the Town's lawyers have advised the Town that it may be appropriate to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Mr. Brown emphasized that the goal is to protect the level of services delivered by the Town. Mr. Brown passed out a handout of frequently asked questions about the lawsuit. He noted that Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) was down 30-35%

in the last year, and that the Town is possibly facing a \$2 million shortfall this fiscal year, before dealing with the lawsuit.

F. INF Reporting

1. **Shady Rest and Scenic Loop Staging Areas:** No update was given.

G. MLTPA Reporting

1. **Mammoth Trails Website Data Development:** Mr. Wentworth updated the group that the Mammoth Trails website is heading into a heavy development phase. He noted that if the Town is able to begin putting signs in the ground in May for the multi-use paths (MUPs), the launching of the website will hopefully be simultaneous. Mr. Wentworth stated that the website aims to let visitors know the experiences they can have on the MLTS.

- a. **Mammoth Trails vs. MammothTrails.org:** No update was given.

H. Announcements and Updates: Mr. Wentworth stated that the Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS) executive summary final draft has been distributed to the partners. He also noted that the recommendations in the final draft will go to the MLTS CC for potential future trails development. Ms. Stravers updated the group that Suzanne Nottingham, a local woman who is heading up the push for a dog park in Mammoth, has been given a link to download the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) documents and may be interested in garnering support for prioritizing a dog-park area in the Sherwins when the SHARP documents go to the MLTS CC. Mr. Foster stated that the flyfishing convention held from September 13–16, 2012, may or may not influence the annual Summer of Stewardship cleanup at Convict Lake, as the convention is looking to incorporate a stewardship element into the weekend. Mr. Brown noted that the Town will be promoting the “50 Days of Fishmas,” in which the Town stocks the Lakes Basin and businesses sponsor specific fish. If you catch a fish with the tag of a business sponsor, you may win a prize from that business. Mr. Wentworth reminded the Charter Members to send event dates to Mammoth Lakes Tourism Director John Urdi for summer club events. Ms. Stravers stated that MLTPA submitted a grant to the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) Clean Air Projects Program on February 15, 2012, requesting money to fund the completion of the signage for the Town Loop and to enhance work on the Mammoth Trails website, focusing on the relationship between air quality and feet-first mobility.

I. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

J. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2012, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

K. Adjourn: With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Charter Members at 4:43 p.m.