



Regular Meeting Summary
May 17, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MLTPA CEO John Wentworth at 4:08 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Charter Members Drew Foster (Friends of the Inyo), Laurel Martin (Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra), Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), and Alana Levin (High Sierra Triathlon Club); and MLTPA Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Acceptance by Charter Members of April 19, 2012, Meeting Summary (attachment):** By consensus of the Charter Members, the summary was accepted as submitted.
 - 2. Remaining Meeting Schedule**
 - a. Three or four left under current MLTPA contract:** Mr. Wentworth reported that Mammoth Trails has been facilitated by MLTPA under contract with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) and that this contract is winding down. It appears as though June and July meetings can be held, but it is unclear whether meetings may continue beyond this date. The Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (MLTS CC) will consider Mammoth Trails as one of the projects that can potentially be funded through the annual \$300,000 Measure R allocation to the MLTS beginning July 1, 2012.
 - 3. Charter Member Updates:** Mr. Foster shared that Friends of the Inyo (FOI) recently met with the Inyo National Forest's (INF) Michael Morse and Keith Dawley to discuss the Summer of Stewardship Trail Days 2012 program logistics. He noted also that use patterns in the backcountry will likely change due to the November 2011 windstorm that blew down thousands of trees. FOI is in negotiations with the INF for potential paid staff support to the INF for clearing the debris. Mr. Foster also shared that June Lake Trails Day is June 23, 2012. Ms. Martin shared that Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) is currently switching over to their traditional summer program and readying for the annual Wounded Warriors event in June 2012. She noted that DSES will be using many of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System's (MLTS) multi-use paths (MUPs) this summer for cycling, beginning out of Shady Rest. Mr. Clark reported that the Sierra Club's Wednesday-evening hikes are now on Thursday evenings, twice per month on the first and third evenings at 5:30 p.m., departing from the Mammoth Lakes Union Bank parking lot. These hikes will run from June through September, weather permitting. He noted also that Sierra Club member Bryce Wheeler recently attended the sixth Sierra Cascades Dialog, in Bishop, and that this was the first meeting to be satellite broadcast from the Sacramento area. Mr.

Wheeler reported to the club that INF Mammoth District Ranger Ed Armenta had said in discussion that there should perhaps be a special Eastern Sierra dialog session. Mr. Clark clarified that all Sierra Cascades Dialog sessions are focused on the INF Forest Planning Rule. This last session centered on adaptive management, which is gathering data in an open process with all stakeholders participating, collaboratively developing and monitoring a plan, evaluating the plan, and then starting again to improve and refine the program.

D. Special Updates

1. Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (MLTS CC)

a. Project Matrix Review and Prioritization: Mr. Wentworth explained that this matrix was put together by MLTPA as part of their contract with the TOML to provide staffing support to this committee. The matrix is a tool to review and rank/prioritize MLTS projects annually, then allocate the \$300,000-per-year budget appropriated to the MLTS by Town Council. He reported that the committee didn't get into ranking projects at this last meeting, but that they did put the projects into four "buckets": Bucket #1 is for projects ready to go; Bucket #2 is for projects needing further consideration; Bucket #3 is for long-term projects; and Bucket #4 is for ongoing programming. Mr. Wentworth also shared that there is a full set of synopses to match the projects list, and that the matrix and synopses are available on the MLTS CC page of mltpa.org. The next MLTS CC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, at 3 p.m.; the location is to be confirmed.

2. Review of MLTPA Reporting on May 8 to Recreation Commission: Mr. Wentworth took meeting participants through this slideshow while summarizing the presentation he had given to the Recreation Commission two weeks prior. He noted that MLTPA should be done with its current contract in July 2012.

3. Summer of Stewardship 2012

a. Review of MLTPA/FOI Partnership: Mr. Wentworth reported that FOI and MLTPA are working on a memorandum-of-understanding type of document that will formalize roles and responsibilities for this program moving forward.

b. Schedule/Co-Hosting Opportunities: The group briefly reviewed the below dates; potential or actual participation is noted where applicable.

i. June 2: National Trails Day, "Open the Lakes Basin"

ii. July 14: Horseshoe Lake/McLeod to Red Cones/Crater Meadow

iii. July 28: Lake George: Ms. Martin expressed an interest in having DSES co-host this event and will check with her team to confirm their availability.

iv. August 11: Coldwater

v. September 15: Coastal Cleanup Day, "Lakes Basin Cleanup": Mr. Clark confirmed that the Sierra Club will co-host this event.

4. MLTS Website Experience Development: Mr. Wentworth shared with the group some in-progress web pages both on the screen projector and on his

smartphone. He noted that MLTPA may be looking to Mammoth Trails members to test the site later this summer.

5. **Shady Rest/Inyo Craters Existing Conditions Report:** Mr. Wentworth explained that this is an on-the-ground report paid for out of MLTPA's contract with the Town, and that it will be developed using existing reports, studies, and data—specifically the INF's Travel Management Decision—to produce maps (see handout). When the report is complete, MLTPA will bring it back to Mammoth Trails at their July meeting for review. The intent is to follow this report with a traditional collaborative-planning process with the public, as was done with the Sherwin Area Trails Special Study (SATSS) and then the Sherwins Working Group (SWG) in 2008–2009.
6. **INF Travel Management Plan Implementation Public Meeting (5/29/12):** Ms. Stravers informed the group that the meeting will take place in the Mammoth Ranger Station Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The focus of the meeting is to inform the community about what actions will be taking place this summer. Mr. Foster relayed that some work is already in progress.
7. **State of Trails in Panorama Dome:** Mr. Wentworth shared that the Panorama Dome trails were heavily impacted by the November windstorm and that he will follow up with INF Recreation Staff Officer Jon Kazmierski to find out how this will affect trail opening and the fuels-reduction project.

E. TOML Reporting

- a. **Municipal Recreation Guide:** Ms. Stravers shared that the guide is now available throughout the community and that it lists only municipal children's recreation programs such as soccer and summer camps.
- b. **Measure U Test Cycle:** Mr. Wentworth, a Measure U Steering Committee member, shared that the test cycle is complete. All public meetings were recorded. About \$600,000 was awarded to the Mammoth Track Project to facilitate a summer construction cycle.
- c. **Measure R Spring 2012:** Mr. Wentworth shared that the first Recreation Commission hearings recently occurred and that the next hearing is set for May 29, during which meeting funding recommendations may be developed for Town Council. Ms. Levin shared that no application was submitted from Mammoth Trails Charter Members.

F. Announcements and Updates: None.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: Ms. Martin expressed an interest in the Charter Members reevaluating their mission statement as suggested by Ms. Levin at the April meeting. The group concurred that it would be worthy to hold a Mammoth Trails summit at the July meeting, to concur with the closeout of MLTPA's Town contract and facilitation of the group, and that development of an agenda for this summit would be a good focus for the June meeting.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2012, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

I. Adjourn: By consensus of the Charter Members, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.