

RED HILL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2003

Present: Dave Johnson, Chris Beebe, Scott Harris, Dorothy Morgan and Brian Hopkins of the BLM, Davis Farrar, Jim Neu, Chris Halsey, Clare Bastable

6:45 Meeting called to order

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and accepted

New Business:

The Council received a letter of resignation from Cindy Lindsay; resignation accepted.

It was noted that the letter in support of the BLM's "Alternative F" program for the Roan Plateau was sent to the BLM by Davis

Jim Neu, Chris Halsey, and Clare Bastable all expressed interest in becoming Council members. Davis moved to accept Jim and Chris, motion passed. Clare decided to wait to see how other commitments played out before becoming a Council member.

Council agreed to schedule the regular meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Scott will reserve the conference room in the Town Hall for the remainder of the year.

Davis requested reimbursement for various expenses. Dave moved to pay Davis, motion passed.

Chris Beebe brought up the possibility of closing Red Hill to mountain bikes in the winter, as riders are creating a lot of resource damage in their efforts to avoid muddy areas. Several other members had received comments from the public about this challenge this winter. The Council came to the conclusion that the trail looks the worst in winter, and usually heals itself in the spring, and that the SRMA would have to be closed to all user groups too be effective, so the idea was dropped.

Chris Beebe volunteered to investigate the options and costs regarding installation of pet stations at either the parking lot or the trailhead, or both, in an effort to clean up the "dog dirt" along the County Road.

BLM Update:

The Glenwood Springs Field Office has a new field officer, Jamie Connell.

The access point from Mr. Suty's property has been signed, and Mr. Suty has agreed to ask hunters not to drive their motorized vehicles through the gate there. Most of the Carsonite posts have been set for the Northside trails, but have not been lettered yet.

Dorothy presented a written response to the Council's letter requesting consideration of incorporation of the Buffy and Bigtop trails into the approved trail system. The upshot of the letter is that the BLM will not consider opening these trails as they are/were, but would consider a major reroute of the Elk Traverse trail, using parts for the Buffy alignment only if they make sense for creating the best available alignment. The BLM also expressed that they will not consider any new trail routes for 2-3 years, until they can trust the Red Hill Council and the mountain bike community.

Old Business:

The timbers/gravel project should be completed in March or early April – as soon as weather cooperates. The timbers, rebar, and spikes are still stored on Chris Beebe's property.

Davis presented his project goals for 2003.

Next meeting set for March 20, 2003

Agenda for next meeting:

Project goal list for 2003 – everyone bring their "Wish List"

Parking lot project coordination

Membership Drive

Bogus Reroute

Northside Signage

Pet Stations

8:00 Meeting adjourned