

Red Hill Council Meeting Minutes.

Meeting of March 18, 2004

Chairman Scott Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Scott Harris, Chris Halsey, Chris Beebe, Dave Johnson, Davis Farrar, Jim Neu.

Absent: Jim Breasted.

Also present: Dorothy Morgan BLM representative.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available, because they were not prepared. Jim Neu said he would write up the minutes from the previous meeting.

New business - Jim Neu said that he would like to discuss having meetings at a location where beer could be available. This topic will be discussed in the future.

March 20, 2004 workday - A crew leader must be available in order for this event to take place. No one committed to take on the project as crew leader and the workday was canceled.

Scott noted that Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers have scheduled a training date on May 8. This is a class with associated field training. There was discussion about completing this training on the Bogus reroute section. Scott will coordinate with David Hamilton and send an e-mail to the Red Hill Council members about the project status. Discussion took place about accessing the project site for crews & tools. Dorothy will contact the Broadhurst's about access for tools and if it is not a problem, crews. Dorothy reminded Red Hill Council members that BLM will pick up the cost for training if Council members wish to attend Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado training sessions on April 16 through 18 to be held at Gateway Mountain Park northwest of Fort Collins, Colorado (trail design) or the comprehensive skills workshop scheduled May 14 to 16 at Geneva Glen Camp, Indian Hills, Colorado. VOC can be contacted at WWW.VOC.org or 303-715-1010.

April 17 is proposed as a workday for Red Hill Council. Work is focused on completing the Bogus reroute. Interested persons should meet at the Red Hill parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion took place about the draft survey instrument. It was suggested that a sign be posted at the trailhead indicating that the survey would be conducted during certain dates in April and informing the public about how they can get a copy of the survey. Council members reviewed the draft survey with Davis. Davis will make the recommended changes and discuss the modifications with Brian Hopkins. A copy of the revised draft will be e-mailed to Red Hill Council members for a final review. Our goal is to initiate the survey process as early in April as possible.

BLM update - Dorothy said the BLM enforcement officer (Dee) visited the illegal campsite and it was not occupied. There is a significant amount of campsite material at the site and it needs to be removed. BLM would like assistance cleaning up the site. If anyone sees Grizzly Adams, let BLM know so they can attempt to make another contact. Dorothy also informed the Council that they were the successful recipients of a \$17,000 Challenge Grant. Dorothy will break out how the grant must be utilized and explain administrative procedures at the next meeting. Dorothy emphasized that Red Hill Council members must keep track of their time working on Red Hill or any Red Hill related work and keep track of expenses as well as any people that help. Any work that benefits Red Hill should be recorded and forwarded to Dorothy. She explained that there is some flexibility in the use of the money. All purchases should be made through Dorothy and BLM. It is also possible to purchase items under the funding that would be used later on Red Hill. Council members should submit wish list items.

Trail projects - An alignment needs to be determined on the Elk Traverse reroute. Chris Beebe said that there is some interest in modifying the previously flagged North Side reroute. Chris Beebe will organize these projects after the ski areas close. Saturday April 24 was set as a date depending upon whether. Interested persons should meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. or on the

Northside at the top where the old alignment intersects with the proposed new alignment at 10:00 a.m.

April 17 is scheduled as a regular Red Hill workday. Chris will coordinate with Dorothy.

The next meeting date is April 15 at 6:30 PM at Carbondale Town Hall. Agenda topics will include: the workdays, submission of wish lists for use of the grant funding, survey status update (it is anticipated the survey process will have been initiated). Discussion will also take place about rerouting the trail around the Wikiup site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.