

**Friends of Indian Creek**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 23, 2009

In attendance: Noah Bigwood, Ralph Ferrara, John Scofield, Trish Hedin  
Skype: Sam Lightner

Not in attendance: Joel Hickok, Steve Quinlan, Josh Gross, Brad Bardledge

Note: The name is highlighted if you have tasks to complete, please look through your color throughout the minutes

**Toilet @ Bridger Jack**

- ✓ We received a grant from the Access Fund for \$6,000 to put towards a composting toilet at Bridger Jack.
- ✓ The cost for the vault is \$9,500 (two-seater), if we buy the top from them it would be \$14,000 and possibly \$1,500 to \$3,000 in shipping. Noah discussed building it ourselves with an estimate of \$9,000 for top structure (volunteer labor).
- ✓ Basically, we have money to raise! Trish will send out an initial email to begin the process of (1) having a pitch to sell to sponsors (2) generating a list of potential sponsors and dividing up the responsibilities of asking for sponsors throughout the entire board.
- ✓ Ralph will earmark \$2,000 of Friends of Indian Creek money for the toilet at Bridger Jack.
- ✓ We also need to choose a location which has approximately an 8 foot vertical drop if possible for the vault. It may also be wise to choose a site central, but not within close proximity to sites to alleviate any conflict with campers. Bob from the BLM would like to begin the NEPA process this fall and is shooting for a spring installation.
- ✓ Trish will contact Bob to set up a time to evaluate sites. Once that meeting is set, she will ask other board members to come along to evaluate the site.
- ✓ Issues regarding this process. (1) stocking it (2) maintenance (3) logistics during construction. Trish spoke with Bob at the BLM and will send out the notes from that meeting this week. However one of the items that that spoke about was a contractual agreement that will obligate the BLM to a commitment of funds for five-year increments for non-profits working on public lands. The monies could be used to alleviate some of these issues.

**American Alpine Club/Rocky Mountain Field Institute**

- ✓ Ralph and Trish met with the American Alpine Club in June to discuss Indian Creek. They are interested in becoming more involved in Indian Creek. Some of the key points of the meeting were: (1) They would like to assist in facilitating a meeting between FOIC, Rocky Mountain Field Institute and the AAC (2) International Climbers Meet which will once again be in Indian Creek during the beginning of October (3) Discussion of the toilet, possible financial assistance with either that or the contributions that they had obligated to with the IBEX deal.
- ✓ Sam will talk with AAC about possible financial assistance at Bridger Jack, basically the goal is to provide a “climbers ranch” (an area in which climbers will always have a free place in Indian Creek) and overall relations.
- ✓ Noah will contact Mark Hess and discuss cooperation within the organizations and the toilet in general.

**T-Shirts/Stickers**

- ✓ Brad has secured t-shirts for the fall with Clay's design. Brad, if you can give details of this for the notes, that would be wonderful.
- ✓ John will approach Bruce the t-shirt guy in Moab about the cost of producing shirts for the future.
- ✓ John will also looking into producing stickers for retail sale. He will make contacts and email the board with prices, ideas, etc. These decisions can be made via email.
- ✓ Goal is to have shirts and if possible stickers for fall season.
- ✓ In the future Ralph will maintain an inventory of products so that we know the distribution and acquisition of all product/money.
- ✓ Josh will again ask Neptune if they're interested in distributing t-shirts.
- ✓ Noah will approach REI if they're interested in distributing t-shirts.
- ✓ Joel will approach Flagstaff climbing shops to find if they're interested in distributing t-shirts.

### Finances

- ✓ \$5,000 in bank.
- ✓ \$2,000 ear-marked for t-shirts.
- ✓ \$2,000 ear-marked for toilet.
- ✓ Need to empty vaults for money.
- ✓ Need approximately a \$1,000 for Superbowl portables. Ralph will set up Prairie Dawg portables for the fall season.
- ✓ Ralph will produce an updated financial statement and send to Joel to place on the website.

### Website

- ✓ Joel will place blurb on the website about "National Public Lands Day" which will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Bureau of Land Management will meet, with volunteers, at 8:30 at Newspaper Rock to work on areas within the drainage. <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>
- ✓ Joel will set up a "PayPal" account and ask for donations for Bridger Jack toilet!
- ✓ We should have a picture of the t-shirts and then link the purchases of those t-shirts to both Gearheads and Pagan. Add other vendors as we add them.

### Kiosk Sign

- ✓ One of our kiosk signs for vandalized and is gone.
- ✓ Trish will get a quote for a replacement and will order as soon as possible.

### Friends of Indian Creek/Moab Area Climbers Alliance

- ✓ Sam gave us a debrief as to the inception of the Moab Area Climbers Alliance. Basically, he is working with little support to deal with all issues regarding desert climbers, outside of Indian Creek. These efforts include working with the National Parks (Canyonlands/Arches) BLM and Forest Service.
- ✓ (1) It seems like with need a voice for all Moab climbers and all climbing areas. (2) We need a way to funnel monies for Moab Area Climbers Alliance.
- ✓ Sam will begin an email discussion regarding the idea of combining forces (Friends of Indian Creek & Moab Area Climbers Alliance). Possibly once we have solidified a proposal, a blog will be placed on the website to continue discussions with the community. Joel has discussed beginning a blog in the future.

### Next Meeting – Late November

- ✓ Sam will send out an email in early November to set up a date.