

FOIC Minutes

Friends of Indian Creek Meeting, October 29, 2009

Attending were: Trish, Jon, Josh, Ralph Sam, and Joel via Skype

The meeting was held at Sam's house (during a pivotal game of the World Series)

Bridger Jack Toilet and the Associated Sponsors

Trish reported that Patagonia wants a lot more information before giving a grant, but is interested. Wild Country also asked for more information. Josh is getting a pack donated by Cilo to be raffled for funds. Sam stated that Outdoor Research would give a grant of \$1000 in return for a large level of advertisement. We did not have the absolute numbers on how much was in our account IT appears that money for the toilet project is \$1000 from O.R., \$2000 from FOIC, and \$6,000 in a grant from the Access Fund. That's a total of \$9,000.

It was decided that all sponsors deserve a more complete "packet" of information. Much of this could be taken from the website work Joel has done. Sam said he would get in touch with Joel, Ralph, and Noah to put a complete package together for potential sponsors. Among other things, it would need to be determined just what the BLM allowed for promotion on toilets.

Trish talked briefly about the discussions she had been in with the BLM office of San Juan County. The BLM had stated they did not want to handle the maintenance of the facility and felt that even though they would end up as the owner, it was our responsibility to care for it. Sam indicated at this point that he did not understand the situation and thought that the toilet, as it was to be owned by the BLM, was to be cared for by the BLM. Trish explained this was not the case. Josh and Joel also stated they thought the maintenance was to be handled by the BLM. Confusion on who was actually overseeing the construction quickly followed, as part of the board clearly thought we (FOIC) were fundraising for a BLM toilet, while the other part felt we were raising funds to build and FOIC run facility on BLM land. Josh questioned whether or not we might have to put up a bond for the toilet in case of a problem it could develop. [I am a bit unclear in my notes as to exactly how this took place, as I was involved in the discussion more than typing]

It was clear that part of the board was opposed to the FOIC owning and maintaining the facility, while the other portion of the board felt this had been the objective all along. Trish stated that a MOU (memorandum of understanding) on who would be responsible for the toilet could perhaps be obtained. Ralph stated the FOIC could go back to the \$2500 a year blue box toilets instead. It was decided that further discussion on how to proceed needed to be had in the coming weeks.

Website

In the middle of the discussion on the toilet, we somehow got slightly off subject and discussed how well the website was being run. Joel has done an excellent job. The website now has a Paypal account where donations can be made directly to us.

Trish pointed out that a number of donations had just come in to her. It was thought that they were friends of Steve Quinlan's and that he had gotten the donors excited about the cause at his 32nd Birthday party (your welcome). Kudos to Steve.

American Alpine Club – FOIC Relations

Trish met with Aimee Barnes of the AAC, Jim Donini of the AAC, and Mark Hess. It is planned the AAC, FOIC, and Mark Hess' group (Rocky Mountain Institute?) will work together better in the future. Aimee Barnes has the job of linking us together. Trish felt this was good as "Aimee is one of us". This was agreed by those of us that know Aimee, and Trish gave examples of how Aimee defended the positions of the FOIC. It appears that AAC and FIOC will be able to work better together, with Mark Hess seemingly being a bit more of the outsider of the three groups. It was felt that all three groups should be working towards "free camping" in the Indian Creek area.

Trish met with the BLM and walked the Supercrack Buttress. For archeological reasons they want the anchors pulled on a number of climbs in the area. Specifically, a bolted (pinned) climb a few hundred yards climbers-right of Supercrack, past Pink Flamingo, was requested to be chopped. Another climb in the area was singled out, though Pink Flamingo was not. Ruins Crack, which is a popular climb on the Battle of the Bulge Buttress, was also singled out by the BLM as being in an archeologically significant space. They want it chopped.

Trish agreed to send the rest of the board the "stuff" from the meetings between she, Aimee, and Mark Hess, as well as the BLM.

MACA and FIOC

Sam brought up that he felt the Friends of Indian Creek should have a bigger say in other climbing venues in the region. He felt that the FIOC has clout, while he sends something out as the Moab Area Climbers Association and land managers see it as less weighty. Ralph stated that he felt we did not need to change our mission statement, but that as the board feels the need to chime in on various issues, it should, as the Friends of Indian Creek. All members agreed to keep their ear to the ground for issues in the area that affect climbing venues besides Indian Creek. Multiple members stated that this would probably be in Mill Creek. Trish pointed out that she had spoken to the BLM office in Moab about a toilet at Potash Road and that they were receptive. Sam has had numerous meeting with them concerning this. It will happen, but they want the public to pay for it.

Independent Items

The FIOC should endorse an anchor of chains, painted brown, on ½ inch bolts. Brown webbing is acceptable, but is frowned upon as it fades and then becomes an eyesore. It is clear now that the BLM notices climber anchors. The anchors should thus be made to blend with the environment and painted chain does just that.

Pins placed as lead-protection are strongly frowned upon. Pins placed in cracks are frowned upon as well as they quickly fail and then leave the crack damaged.

The term limits of the by laws were unanimously defined as such: A single term is two years. A person may serve three successive terms (six years), but then is termed out from the board. That person may come back on the board, if elected, after serving the period of one term off (Two years away).

No officer can serve as both the President and the Treasurer simultaneously. These positions must be held by separate people.

Wag bags have gone up roughly .40 cents per packet. It's now \$800 for 500 bags. However, they are being used. Another supply of them was going to be ordered.

The date for the next meeting was to be determined via online discussion but would probably be in January or early February.

Post meeting chatter developed the possibility of topos being created for particular crags. This would be a subject of discussion at the next meeting.