

## FoIC Minutes

May 7, 2010

### Attending:

Sam, Trish, John, Brad, Ralphie, Noah (skype), Josh (skype)

We welcomed about half a dozen non-board members as this was the yearly open meeting.

The previous meetings' minutes were accepted.

### Bridger Jack Toilet

We are still waiting on the BLM to get a firm idea of just how much labor and/or base materials they will be providing for the installation of the facility. Bob at the BLM has not committed to a cost. Trish agreed to try and nail him down a bit. It was felt that if the toilet unit were purchased and shipped to the BLM office in Monticello, it might grease the wheels to have the thing installed and with a good supply of govt. help. Noah and Ralph planned to purchase the unit and make sure it would be shipped to the BLM office. This could happen as early as the week of May 9-16.

A later topic, National Public Lands Day, actually falls under the B.J. Toilet discussion. NPLD is on September 25, 2010. Trish believes that Bob at the BLM wants to kick off the toilet with a grand opening that day. We all agreed that the best course of action was to have the pooper up and running by September, but if Bob is set on this and it means getting govt. help with the installation, we should go with his wishes. We all thought perhaps a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 25<sup>th</sup> would be best.

Trish noted that Phil P. at the AAC has said he would commit some money to the pooper, but has not said how much. Sam agreed to call him and chat about \$\$\$ as well as ask what they may be up to with purchasing SITLA land in the area.

Ralphie stated that so far we have deposits destined for the toilet from:

Wild Country (\$500), Michael Kennedy (\$1000), Lightner Sams Foundation (\$1000), Access Fund (\$6000), Friends of Indian Creek (\$2000).

We have commitments from:

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides (\$1000), Outdoor Research (\$1000), Sharp End/Fred Knapp (\$1000), and Black Diamond (\$1000).

## Rocky Mountain Field Institute

Noah has talked to Mark Hess, and Hess has extended for us to start working together. Noah feels that we can work together in the future. It was agreed that we are too small of a user group to be fighting amongst ourselves.

## BLM/AAC Meeting

The BLM met with the American Alpine Club to discuss issues and the possible purchase of land for a climbers camp (similar to the Grand Teton Climbers Ranch). We do not believe the AAC still intends to do so as the expense would be rather large (they would need to purchase an entire tract which is on the order of 160 acres). Sam stated that he would chat with Phil about what they plan and money for the B.J. toilet.

## Recommended Anchors

Sam and Josh proposed that  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inch rawl 5 piece bolts be used with chain in a vertical configuration, painted to match the rock, be our recommended anchor. Many people felt there were other options for this. The discussion ended with an acceptance that we would have a recommendation of the following on the website:

$\frac{1}{2}$  inch (or 12 mm) stainless steel bolts utilizing chain and rings painted to match the rock. Webbing should not be used as it fades to white and must be replaced, and stainless bolts do not have to be replaced as often as non-stainless.

Some photo's of examples could be provided by various people to be placed on the website.

## T-shirts and Stickers

Brian from Pagan stated he continues to sell lots of t-shirts and our new stickers. He puts all proceeds straight into the donation box.

We seem to be running short on women's t-shirts and should probably order more. Josh wanted a wad of stickers, when we had some, to place in Neptune Mountaineering. We talked of making coozies with our logo. Brad agreed to look into this for us.

## MACA Report

Sam reported that he had chatted with Tricia Ortiz at Arches. Trishia is the Biotech recently hired. She reported that there does need to be a climbing plan. Trishia pointed out there would probably be seasonal closures do to raptors, which all at the meeting acknowledged was already the case and perfectly fine. One point of concern was that Trishia had stated she liked a policy on climbs near historic raptor nests that "begins with climbing being closed and then it is opened when we are sure the birds aren't returning". She cited Reservoir Wall at I. C.

as an example of how the birds come to old nest sites after years of being away. Sam responded that climbers generally abide by all raptor closures, but Reservoir Wall “is a perfect example of the fact that the birds are not forced away by climbers because they returned to the nests when people were climbing on the routes.”

Sam’s take-away was that Trisha is a climber and she does want to work with us. This is good. She clearly recognized that the Delicate Arch climb, which she stated was “the sole reason the Park Service in Arches ever took notice of climbers”, was not what most climbers go to Arches for. Hopefully we will be going down a path of restoring climber relations and ending a moratorium on new routes.

### Board Nominations

We agreed that it was time to take nominations for future board members. We need to know who might be available so we can chat with them and know that they are ready for the internment! Trish stated she will be stepping down, and Ralph mentioned he might as well (we will need to know this asap to know how many people we need). At least a couple of good nominee’s were in attendance. Trish restated that a term is two years. We all agreed that she should remain on the board until the Bridger Jack Toilet Project is completed.

We need Joel to post it on the website that anyone can send a submission, be it of some else or they themselves, to be on the board via the Friends of Indian Creek Email.

### Other Business

The Western Colorado Climbers Coalition wants our Kiosk that is at Supercrack. We are giving it to them as the BLM plans a bigger kiosk on the site when they build their parking lot. We stated that the BLM is planning a paved parking lot for 60 vehicles. We believe it is funded by the Stimulus Package. We told the non-members that we had asked the BLM to NOT put in a paved lot, but that is how they want it and in the end it is their choice. The fact is they are concerned about cars parked along the highway and for some reason feel a paved lot is the best approach. Trish pointed out that this may lead to a concentration of facilities at this end of Indian Creek, leaving many of the other crags with their wild heritage. One person asked if it would be possible to have the pavement be red instead of black. Trish said she would talk to Bob about this.

### Next Meeting

We discussed having a meeting as needed according to the Bridger Jack Toilet project. We should have some sort of meeting by mid September.

The meeting was adjourned.

