

# Friends of Indian Creek

## September 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Ralph, Emma, Trish, Kitty, Dave Early

Please note that highlighted color delineates the tasks that you have volunteered/been assigned to complete prior to next meeting.

### Updates:

### Kiosks:

- Dave Early introduced the artwork done by Tami Knight.
- We discussed adding color to catch climber's attention.
- Dave discussed using Diebold as a company that can produce signs; Ralph gave information on the Utah Correctional Industries and their sign making procedures, costs.
- Ralph suggested having aluminum with laminate (may scratch, but bomber)
- Trish will contact the kiosk committee to work on graphic design and sign making

### Castleton Adopt-a-Crag:

- October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Major trail damage to the Castleton trail due to a storm
- Dave E. has flagged the route
- Mark Hess is working on raising \$7300 for trail reconstruction
- Dave will email Emma information on the Adopt-a-Crag and Emma will place it on the FOIC website.

### Thank You Cards/Articles:

- Emma sent a thank you article to Climbing and Rock and Ice.
- Emma revisited idea of a thank you card and has been developing a thank you postcard.
- Emma will send a thank you postcard to John Evans at Petzl for their \$700 donation to the kiosk project.

### Website:

- Emma put finances (spreadsheet on the website).
- Emma put the latest minutes on the website.
- Emma deleted old information.

### Educational Film:

- Trish will contact Peter Mortimer regarding the educational film idea.

### T-Shirts:

- Josh is done research regarding t-shirt runs of our own. Bruce the T-shirt guy can do it right here in Moab.
- Emma is going to ask Mountain Hardware (since they have the printing plates) how much they would charge to print t-shirts.
- Ralph stated that there is money to make a run of t-shirts. We have approximately \$4700 in the bank. We have \$1000 slated for Tami Knight currently. That leaves approximately \$3700. Items that need to be considered (portable toilets, t-shirts, kiosks).
- We have agreed to sell shirts for \$25.00.
- We discussed getting rid of the statement “Preserving its Future” and possibly just having “Friends of Indian Creek – Utah” of “Friends of Indian Creek – Moab, Utah”
- We slated \$1000 for t-shirts.

### Finances:

- Ralph will send out quarterly statements.
- Ralph is categorizing deposits/expenditures. It would be good if anyone is either depositing/spending money that they let Ralph know where it is coming from or where it is going.

### BLM Meeting:

- Ralph suggested, instead of meeting Brian and Tom in Indian Creek on a Saturday that we send a few representatives down to Monticello to meet with them.
- Andy and Ralph will contact Tom/Brian to set this meeting up.

### Sharp End Publishing:

- Ralph sent a major edit of the article that will go into the new guidebook to Emma/Trish.
- Emma will meld the edits sent by Ralph and Trish.
- Fred has been told to leave the stuff that Jason wrote in the book.
- Emma will talk to Fred about promoting responsible etiquette within the Indian Creek drainage (get rid of Micah’s essay, Timmy’s essay, partying comments made by David Bloom, picture of Heavy Duty).
- It was suggested that Sharp End donate a portion of the proceeds of this guidebook to the Friends of Indian Creek (1% or 1 dollar per book). Emma showed an example of a similar idea from the guidebook to the Red River Gorge. Emma will talk with Fred about this idea.

### New Items:

### Prairie Dawg:

- Ralph spoke with Prairie Dawg (portable toilets) and got a quote of \$41.37 per week/per toilet.
- The concept is to put portable toilets in the drainage during peak times of the year.
- They cannot put toilets in the Cottonwood area or Bridger Jack.
- Where should they go? We agreed upon putting two at Superbowl, one at Creek Pasture. Steve Q. thought one at Superbowl, one at Creek Pasture and one at Supercrack.
- We would put a statement and donation boxes right into the toilets.
- Trish will talk with Tom and Brian about this process.
- Once we have BLM approval, Ralph will call Prairie Dawg. We will talk with Prairie Dawg periodically regarding usage.

#### Access Fund Grant:

- We're looking at applying for an Access Fund Grant for permanent toilet structures. Their grant process is due on March 15<sup>th</sup> and you can apply for \$10,000.00 with matching funds. It is possible to apply for more.
- The portable toilets will give us an idea of usage and where permanent structures would need to go.
- When we propose this idea to the BLM it must be stipulated that we will provide these structures under the circumstances that: (1) will maintain free camping (2) they pump and clean the structures.
- An NEPA (assessment) will have to occur before this begins.
- We must make Heidi/Sue understand that fully developed campsites will only bring more users to Indian Creek. It is a benefit to them to leave it as is with slight modifications (such as permanent toilets).
- Ralph and Trish will continue to work on this grant.

#### Mission Statement:

- Ralph sent a modified mission statement to all board members.
- It is simple and to the point, liked by board.
- Our old mission statement was inviting open activity, thus inviting that type of activity from all user groups.
- Basically it is an environmental statement.

#### 501C3:

- Ralph has begun the process of obtaining our 501c3 status.
- Chrissy has offered to assist us in this process.
- There will be a \$300 processing fee when the time comes to submit the paperwork.
- This will assist us in taking in large donations from companies and individuals (example: if we ask for permanent toilet structures).

#### Next Meeting:

- It will be a public meeting as per our bylaws.
- Will occur sometime near the end of November.
- Trish will send out dates, agenda items, and reminders at the beginning of November.