

**MINUTES
of the
ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT)
of
ARIZONA STATE PARKS (ASP)
Meeting of December 03, 2010**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ASCOT Members Present: Kent Taylor, Chair
Nick Lund
Tom Fitzgerald
Lisa Marie Gerdl
Anna Pfender
Linda Slay
Bruce Weidenhamer
Jim Horton
Heather Wasgatt
Maureen DeCindis
Bill Gibson
Phyllis Rally
Daye Halling
Dan Gronseth

ASCOT Members Absent: Don Applegate
Ryan Domsalla
Mary McMullen
Matt Kalina
Loren Worthington
Reba Grandrud
Brian Grube

Arizona State Parks (ASP) Staff: Annie McVay
Jay Z.

Guest(s): Kim Frederick

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 07, 2010 Meeting.

Mr. Horton moved to table the minutes from August 07, 2010. Ms. Pfender seconded, the motion passed.

2. State Parks Update.

Many staff have left Parks or are in transition to leaving. The State is no longer supporting Parks at this time beyond any revenues currently being acquired at the gates or through partnerships with

communities. Nine (9) parks are currently critical to generate revenue and three (3) parks remain permanently closed. 80% of revenue goes directly to staff so any loss of revenue at this time leads to loss of staff which leads to park closures. Education of legislatures regarding the true status of parks is underway. Privatization is currently being explored for the parks. The State only owns 25% of the lands it manages with the remainder owned by the Federal government.

3. Workshop December 04, 2010. Strategic Planning: From Concept to Reality.

Hike at 7 am and Audibon Center will open at 7:45 am for the Workshop. Kim Frederick will be the morning speaker followed by a panel discussion in the afternoon.

4. ASCOT goals.

Election of officers. Kent Taylor, Chair. Anna Pfender, vice-chair. Trails, Linda Slay. Promotion, Daye Halling. Mr. Horton moved to approve the nominations of officers. Ms. DeCindis seconded, the motion passed.

New Members. Bill Gibson with BLM, Dan Gronseth with City of Phoenix, Loren Worthington, Matt Kalina, Phyllis Rally, Ryan Dromsalla with Apache-Sitgreaves Forest, and Linda Slay returning.

ASCOT will continue to receive support from State Parks with Annie's departure but the support will be modified as State Parks will not be attending the meetings. ASCOT will need to pick up the majority of duties Annie provided to ASCOT excepting logistics of setting up meeting locations and managing the agendas and minutes for the meetings.

ASCOT priority ideas: *priorities not voted on at meeting

- Promote the trail system. The website is complete but doesn't get much visitation.
- ASCOT is mandated to attend the annual meeting with OHVAG to keep the TRP funding.
- ASCOT will still need to review applications and select State Trails
- "Real Tales from State Trails" publications featuring photos from the photo contests.
- Annual workshop.

5. Member Roundtable.

City of Phoenix has just updated their website with trail maps.

VoAZ is implementing online trail training tentatively slated for April 2011.

The Sonoran Trailhead is now open with a 5-mile loop.

Americore is beginning trail construction outside of Casa Grand. The project will last two (2) months.

D. REPORTS.

No reports at this time.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC.

No comment.

F. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday, January 29, 2011 at a location TBA.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Kent Taylor adjourned the meeting.