

**GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 9, 2020- Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:00 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi M/S Blasi/Smith 6:0
2. **Attending:** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, Rebecca Ochkie, Don Walker, Mike Lohman, Jan Smith. Richard Brown and GMF resident Judith Piazza arrived after roll call.
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Blasi/Bratton. Passed 6:0.
4. **Approve Minutes** of November 14,2019 – M/S Blasi /Brown. Passed 6:0.
  - Blasi and Bratton worked with town clerk to get minutes posted
5. **Public Input** - none- Piazza came to observe
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting
  - Bratton, Brown, Ochkie, Walker, Wines and Blasi met at the Joyland property for informal Trails Design training. Discussed and preliminary flagged potential Pittman Trail route.
  - Bratton coordinated preliminary Pittman Trail routing with Stroope and Mile High Youth Corps
  - Pittman Trail status: Awaiting site visit with Jesse Stroope
  - BoT requested Trails Cmte Chair quarterly verbal trails update. Blasi's response accepted: 2x/year, April for a preview and October for a recap of trail work
  - Fire Mitigation on Mt Dewey- report on CUSP work. Does the TC have a role in future mitigation? It was noted that CUSP has done a great job of cutting and disposing of downed trees as well as reinforcing the trail. The TC role in fire mitigation has been to provide trail access to CUSP in the Wallace Reserve as well to Mt. Dewey and in public rights of way. Future efforts will include a walk thru with public works to identify evacuation routes. Blasi will provide CUSP with GPS coordinates from the trails system and suggest CUSP gets on the next GreenBox calendar to discuss fire mitigation in the community.
7. **TC Website and Maps-** Lohman noted that the trails website had about 3,000 hits and generated some volunteers. He posts work dates in Next Door Cascade and will begin posting on a community site in Woodland Park. In all the site had over 11,000 hits from 4 continents, 26 countries and 40 of Colorado's 64 counties. Trip Advisor collects ratings from hikers.
8. **Education- Trails Watch Program** – Will discuss when we get new Catamount Board.
9. **TO DO LIST:**
  - Coordinate memorial for Tom McCormick. Claudia Eley suggested a memorial plaque and Blasi a bench. A request was sent to Jesse Stroope for permission to place on HGMFF land as it was the last trail Tom worked on building a fine rock wall. Mike Lohman and others recalled fond memories of Tom and his favorite shovel, his hard work and devilish smile. Lohman will research specs for bench.
  - Finalize 2020 Work Dates: May 17 (Sun), June 20 (Sat), July 19 (Sun), Aug 15 (Sat), Sept 20 (Sun), Oct 3 (Sat). M/S Bratton/Brown 7:0.
  - Coordinate Crew Leader training for Walker and Ochkie. It is usually a 2 day event in May.
  - Build & install trail signs at Bratton/Catamount int. and Mt. Dewey summit. Bratton coordinated with public works for universal posts. Coming soon as Heidi's dad improves.

- Design and install Catamount trailhead board. Will request previous drawings from Stroope for Mt. Dewey trailhead board
- Advertise 2020 work dates. Blasi will post 8 ½ x 11 laminated sheets at THs.
- Discuss Illinois St right-of-way to field check general route. TC members encouraged to go up Illinois and walk the route. Bratton recommends naming potential trail Felton Trail.
- Ora Street trail access feasibility- Blasi received a proposal from a landowner on Ora Street for a donation of one of three lots for Mt. Dewey trail access. After review of maps of the site and discussion of the difficult terrain, the TC determined that although very grateful for the offer, it does not benefit the trails system which already has adequate access to Mt. Dewey.

#### 11. Other-

- Waldo Canyon: Final public meeting pushed back to Jan 22, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Center gym. There will be an Open House.
- Can route from Catamount Trail over to Horseshoe Trail be marked with blue tape? Several options discussed.

12. NEXT MEETING- February 13, 2020 at the Mucky Duck at 6 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT at 7:31 pm.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**Chairman- Rocco Blasi**



**Recording Secretary- R. Ockie**