

Snake River Canyons Park Boards

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 14, 2022

Caddy Shack, Jerome Country Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by chairman Bill Bridges, Also, in attendance were board members Lexi Roth, Greg Moore, Jeff Pierson, Sue Williams, Mike Zobott and potential board members Steve Paulsen and John Westin.

Guests included: Michael Houser, David Freibes, John Tjaden, Mike Tylka, Mark Reyes, Larry Hall, Brenda Weeks, Cpl Scruggs, Brenda Webb, Charlie Howell

All board members and guest introduced themselves.

The reason we started early was to get everybody's ideas on what the park should look like and what our priorities should be.

Addition to Agenda: None

We spent over one hour discussing what the park should look like. Sue had great maps with projects marked on them. The dog park was not commented on by anybody. The disc golf course is almost done. Ribbon cutting is May 3, at 1 PM. We still need to get the concrete pad poured and the Shade on top installed. We own ~\$5000 on this. Mike Young talked about the dirt bike trails. His group will work on them this summer. We need to clean up the parking lot and provide signs when Mike is ready.

The RV park is on track. RV grant committee meets on May 18. We would like to add a couple of trail heads with hitching post for horses. Vinyard Lake gets lots of guest in the summer. We do not have any easy access to this area.

We had a discussion on the broken bridge and the trail to and from. The County Commissioners need to send a letter to the BLM to get an extended easement to the bridge. We will need this easement late this summer. Charlie Howell will talk to the fish hatchery to repair the grade so they can use as an emergency exit. The board voted to go in this direction. Greg motioned and Jeff seconded.

Larry Hall and Melissa Berry will meet with the Twin Falls City Council on April 25, to discuss the broken bridge project. All are invited.

Steve Paulsen suggested we get computer maps of the area. I ask him to get me a contact and price.

A discussion on motorized vs. non-motorized trails was had. David Freibes said allowing a mix was always a problem. Some comments were that horses are easily spooked by motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles will destroy the dirt bike trails. The board will have to come up with a plan to keep everybody safe. Mike Zobott pointed out that the trails are the biggest selling point in our park.

A shooting ordinance will be voted on at the next County Commissioners meet. We will then have to purchase all new signs for the park.

The meeting minutes from March 10, 2022, were approved unanimously.

We reintroduced all of the Board Members and guest.

Mike Tylka reported on the Disc Golf course and the money in our bank account.

\$28,000 from county

\$11,091 in our account.

Mike Zobott says he got a letter from the County Commissioners and is now on the board.

The commissioners are working on getting a land conveyance for the whole park. We discussed how to get a shooting range north of I84. John Westin has several ideas. The BLM (David Freiberg) says we have several options and they have used some new options in New Mexico. David will give us some information on these.

Some members of the board will represent the park at a Fly Fishing meeting on April 30, 2022.

Bill Bridges brought up security in the park. Cpl Scruggs ask that we update the sign at Yingst Grade that needs to say (Closed, 10 PM to 6 AM).

Bill Bridges ask board members for ideas on newspaper articles. We would like to have an article in each newspaper monthly to get the word out about our park. The third article should appear in the April issue of the Northside Journal.

Charlie Howell is working to get signs on US 93.

The park clean up will be in May, 21, 2022.

Meeting Ajoined at ~1:15 PM. Greg motioned and Jeff 2nd.

The next Park Board meeting will be held at the Caddy Shack restaurant on Thursday May 12, 2022 (second Thursday of the month) from 10am-1pm.

Minutes Approved:

Signature of Snake River Canyons Park Board Member

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