

NORTHERN HILLS TRAILS GROUP MEETING

Date: 2-3-17
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Deadwood City Hall
Attendees: John Kelley TJ Larson Mike Stahl Kevin Kuchenbecker
Daren Nattress Thad Fuller Randy Deibert Sherry Bea Smith
Dustin Heupel Chris Huhnerhoch

Notes:

- Organization
 - Randy Deibert, local business owner and surveyor, Daren Nattress, Northern Hills Recreation and Sherry Bea Smith, Eagle Cliff Ski Area introduced themselves.
- Old Business
 - Stahl updated the group on the development of the RR Grade Trail
 - Homestake/Barrick is very close to having a draft easement in place. They are very supportive of this.
 - Kuchenbecker stated that the Deadwood end of the trail must be better defined and that they will work on this.
 - Stahl stated the same for several areas around Lead, the trail up to the B&M #2 head frame and the route connection near Mine St/Grandview St.
 - TJ Larson stated that the Sanford UG Laboratory has respectively denied the use of the old coal road between Mill Street in Lead and Kirk Canyon.
 - Other connection points were discussed.
- New Business
 - 2017 Plan
 - It appears that the Trail Group will receive an Outside of Deadwood Grant for trail signage
 - Next—location and the narrative for the signs needs to be developed
 - Leverage this grant and volunteer hours toward an RTP (Recreation Trails Program) grant given by the SD State parks, deadline for application is April 7, 2017.
 - This grant could be used for trail building tools and equipment, fencing and a needed restroom facility in Lead.
 - The detail/preciseness of the trail survey/location still has to be determined. Deibert, Mattox and Huhnerhoch can coordinate this after the requirements are set.
 - The trail needs a better name—what was the RR on this grade? Or something else?
 - The NH Recreation Association should approach the City of Deadwood about the 2016 allotment of \$10,000 that was not collected and see if it would be issued.
 - NHRA should also consider the Wharf Foundation and Community Health Grants

- Trail construction will occur in June-September, 2017; with a September Grand Opening
 - Dustin Heupel is interested in developing a concise map to be used by the ATV groups, delineating the destination points and the connection routes. He will work on that.
 - Deibert discussed long-term Spearfish plans about connecting to the north of the community near Exit 10. A goal would be to leverage that work to a connection point to the south to Lead & Deadwood, and possibility Whitewood.
 - Spearfish is hiring a new parks and recreation director and Stahl will reach out to him after he gets his feet under him.
 - Kelley stated that it is important to keep the social networks aware of our work and that the publication of these Notes is important.
 - Kelley also stated that the use of existing USFS roads in any trail plan immensely simplifies the process. Keep that in mind.
- Next meeting is Friday, March 3, 2017, 10:00 AM, Deadwood City Hall, Century Room.