

Garfield County Trails Committee Meeting: April 15, 2009 - Cannonville, Utah

In attendance: Cindy Calbaum, Tom Christensen, Bob Clayton, Larry Glickman, Jessica Grow, Lee Roberts, Tim Olson, Mark Saunto, Bob Stevenson, Bill Wepner, Margie Wepner. Also present: Brian Bremner, Garfield County; Rebecca Biglow, NPS; and Drew Parkin, BLM.

Minutes from February meeting approved

Discussed email list and the problems around accurate email addresses and website/Squirrel Mail

Dale Henrie welcomed as a new Committee member

Mark asked membership for ideas for "working meetings." Discussed the possibility for something on National Trails Day in June. (agency project?)

Other ideas: 1). Possible volunteer day at Panguitch Lake in late August. 2). Walt Gove has idea for a Deer Creek or Criss Lake clean-up. He's willing to donate a horse for trash hauling. 3). Mark S. also proposed the possibility of working on the trail to Cedar Wash Arch. Dale suggested that Jana Hassett could help promote the work day through the Garfield County Insider.

Budget discussion: \$1000.00 for Fremont OHV brochure and Grandview Trail left out of 2008 budget, so that money had to come out of 2009 funding. Mark also mentioned the possibility that \$6000.00 may be reinstated.

Bill Wepner (Margie, Dale, Tim) expressed their concern over the "guides" link on the Garfield County Trails Committee website. They felt it was unfair to businesses who weren't listed. A motion was raised, seconded, voted & approved to remove the guides link from the website. (Done by April 17th.) GC Trails website also has an active link to Garfield County Travel Council.

Discussion over how to submit information on trails: The membership had several questions and there was much discussion. Summary: Brian Bremner will work with county staff, USFS, BLM and the website administrator to get accurate information in proper format for uploading to website.

Bill W. asked about some ATV route-marking signs that (at one point about 2 years ago) would be posted on open roads in Grand Staircase-Escalante N.M. Mark stated that the agency representatives were present at the meeting and that such questions should be directed to them. Brian Bremner added that the decision to not install those signs was made jointly and in the spirit of cooperation between County Commissioners and the Monument planners. Bill was still interested in the status of those route markers. So it was decided that he would investigate and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Drew Parkin stated that he would be happy to meet with any member on this or any other topic.

Next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, June 17, at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center