**Friends of Monument Preserve**

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**Board Meeting**

**November 16, 2016**

**I. Call to Order and Attendance:** The Board meeting of the FOMP began at 7:00 p.m. at the Casa Fiesta in Monument. We still don’t have a key for the new lock at the Fire Center. Members present were Jon Nordby, president; Chris Tirpak, vice president; and Marianne LaRivee, secretary; as well as Brian Mullen, member at large, Joe Ennis, and Larry Bryant.

**II. Issues:**

**A. Participation:** Chris Tirpak stated that next year he will post the trail work schedule on local NextDoor sites. In addition, we need to more properly utilize the groups who want to do volunteer projects in the preserve.

**B. Priorities for Next Season:**

1. Cut back scrub oak on interior trails. The hard wood has grown back with gusto and many trails within the preserve need cleaning up.

2. Scout Projects: We need to stick to our earlier rule that scouts must be 16 years old before we will commit time and effort to their causes. Too many younger scouts lose their drive and commitment before the project is completed. We will also require that they submit proposals by mid-July in order to have time to organize and complete the tasks. Marianne LaRivee will write a short list of scout project requirements for the FOMP website.

3. We need to meet in January with a map to prioritize the interior trails for the work season.

4. Limbaugh (Trail 715) also needs work next summer.

**C. Illegal Shooters and Motorbikes:** Since target shooting is illegal on Mt Herman Rd, there are far fewer shooters, but they still show up on weekends. Please contact Tom Healy at (719) 477-4204 or cell (719) 641-4698 if you see them. Also, one member reported dangerous motorbike use on a non-motorized trail. Chris notified Tom Healy, USFS, who said he could procure more signs limiting use to hike/bike/horses if we help place them.

**D. Sanitation:** We continue to have requests for porta-pots at the trailhead, but FOMP does not have the money to support them. Chris will ask USFS if they are willing to fund something.

**E. Possible Re-route:** Larry Bryant suggested a re-route of the steep widest trail up the north side of the heliport ridge adjacent to the third row of trees. Jon Nordby will help map out a route for fall/winter/spring work. Chris will contact the Hotshots to make sure they are not planning to enclose the trail in a larger fenced-in heliport base.

**III. Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Good beer.