Mtg Date: 1/14/2020

Attendees:

* Bill Normile, President
* Brian Mullin, Vice President
* Ken Baker, Secretary
* Karen Jensen, Treasurer
* Hermann Spielkamp
* Nancy Spielkamp
* Tom Penewell
* Jeff Light
* Jeff Steinhoff
* Art Fuellenbach
* Marianne Larivee

Mtg called to order at 7pm

President/VP Update and General Discussion

* Brian Mullin indicated there will be a new contact with Forest Service, replacing Colleen, name TBD
* Forest Service addressed issue with illegal camper by Red Rocks Rd parking area; will also work to move telephone pole barrier to proper place, out of drainage ditch
* Group reviewed options for tool storage moving forward
  + Art presented estimates for a 5’x8’ enclosed trailer, plus outfitting with racks, licensing costs; Bill asked Art to firm up estimates for February mtg, specifically for licensing, annual tax, insurance (Tom indicated it’s covered by vehicle pulling the trailer)
  + Bill presented estimates for renting a fixed space at a storage facility
  + Tom, owner of Mt Herman RV Storage, generously offered to donate a parking place after Feb 1 at his facility
  + Action for Karen to determine if our status as 501 c3 means we would not pay sales tax on trailer
  + Board agreed to target Feb or Mar board mtgs to vote on decision for trailer or fixed storage space; goal to have a solution in place prior to first trail work session in April
* Bill Normile sent note to Friends of Palmer Lake, on topic of trail maintenance for 715A, White Ghost, HZ trails; no decisions or commitments made
* Art will get a sign printed, then laminated, to be posted at main trailhead, that will include a QR code users can scan, that will link to Trailforks app; this will enable those who scan to access online maps, but actual maps won’t be posted or provided
* Bill Benson was not present, so discussion on preparing for another trail building/maintenance skills event was tabled until next mtg
* Bill Normile had received feedback from multiple sources about having Saturday trail work sessions in 2020; something the board will work towards
* Bill Normile reviewed thought process, selection criteria, to engage consultant to help FOMP create a 3/5/7yr plan
  + Consultant chosen was highly recommended, 1/6 the cost of other alternative, is on the board of Medicine Wheel and Incline Friends
  + Agreed to 5 step plan:
    - Step 1: email survey, sent to 20+ stakeholders; mid-January
    - Step 2: Conversations with Board Members; by late January
    - Step 3: Build draft Strategic Plan, with goals, objectives, tactics; target end of January
    - Step 4: meet with board to discuss, fine tune; target Feb board mtg
    - Step 5: final plan delivered in March
* Some discussion about positives of having a strategic plan, and leveraging work of others, like Overland MTB group from Fort Collins
* Group agreed that a board discussion, deeper dive, on objectives and priorities is needed; that will help fine tune strategic plan, and drive future community outreach and social media focus
* Will also want to learn from other groups as to how they are engaging diverse and broader audiences, and consider other venues for future meetings or events
* Jon Nordby has resigned from the board; his years of efforts on behalf of FOMP are greatly appreciated
* Bill Benson has agreed to be the interim trail boss, and Larry Bryant may also be able to assist (though Larry was not present to confirm or deny); Board approved by email vote, as formal vote not taken at mtg
* Donation of funds from anti-fracking group led by Chris Amenson was reviewed; Chris was happy to make the donation but wanted to make sure the funds would be spent to further FOMP goals vs just collecting interest

Treasurer Update

* Provided update on current assets
* Karen to research if current asset level will change 501 c3 status

Secretary Update

* Ken Baker introduced as new Secretary/Community Outreach Lead

Mtg adjourned at 8:30 pm