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General Membership Meeting
May 3, 2022

Featured speaker:

Ed DiBello, New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO)





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Cliff Giles
- Program – Ed DiBello, New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO)
- Q&As
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Adjourn



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our April 5 General Meeting:
 - All Cibola NF districts are in Stage II Restrictions as of April 29
 - 10 new members this month, now at 123 after purging non-renewals
 - Antonio is out till May 9
 - REI \$5K grant check received
 - Ad hoc 'Shed Committee' formed to look at equipment storage
 - Cienega/Sulphur PA sign



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our April 5 General Meeting:
 - Need a new Paint Crew Leader!
 - Adopt-A-Hwy Crest Road Mile 4-5
 - Out-of-District Water Canyon Cabin re-roof May 6 & 7
 - Matt Thompson's Watermelon 100 Run May 13-15
 - DATA HS field outing June 2 & 3
 - National Trails Day, Sat June 4



Welcome New Members!

Barbara McGuire – April 28, 2022

Mike Rahmer – April 21, 2022

Sue Mealy – April 15, 2022

Shawn Boyette & Melissa Clements – April 11, 2022

James Epps – April 8, 2022

Roland Stumpf – April 6, 2022

Ralph Wrons – April 6, 2022



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Support our Sandia Mountain Trails

Sandía (sahn-dee-ah) - Spanish feminine noun, watermelon

\$4,600 raised so far!



100+ MILES -- 30,000 FEET of GAIN -- 100% SINGLE TRACK

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<https://gofund.me/dfcbab43>

<https://friendsofthesandias.org/watermelon-100-project/>

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings in April
 - Trail Maintenance – 5 outings
 - Trail Construction – 4 outings
 - General Projects – 14 outings
 - Total Number of Outings – 23



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (5 outings)
 - 4/4/22 – CATIP trees
 - 4/11/22 – Crest Trail (130 South) trees
 - 4/18/22 – Survey Trail trees
 - 4/25/22 – Pino Trail trees
 - 5/2/22 – Sulphur/Cienega/Horse Bypass Trails trees



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (4 outings)
 - 4/7/22 – Built new trail in the NW corner of the Placitas Trail System
 - 4/14/22 – Built new trail in the NW corner of the Placitas Trail System
 - 4/21/22 – Built a reroute of the Palomas Peak Trail
 - 4/28/22 – Built new trail on north side of Placitas trail system



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (1–7 of 14 outings)
 - 4/4/22 - Selected hazard trees with Julie Padilla's assistant in Doc Long and Sulphur PAs
 - 4/5/22 - Met with SRD employees and Santa Ana Pueblo youth work crew to plan thinning and chipping projects
 - 4/6/22 - Installed kiosk and two trailhead signs at Ranger Rock Trailhead
 - 4/7/22 - Selected hazard trees in Cienega PA with Lou Romero
 - 4/10/22 - Michael Arndt and Sam moved two large donation logs from hillside to Cienega Creek
 - 4/13/22 - Selected hazard trees at Tree Spring TH, Dry Camp TH, Ski Area Overflow Parking, Balsam Glade PA, and Capulin PA
 - 4/14/22 - Removed hazard trees in Doc Long and Sulphur PAs



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (8–14 of 14 outings)
 - 4/16/22 - Michael Arndt, Lou Romero, and Sam removed three hazard trees from Capulin Snow Play Area
 - 4/18/22 - Selected hazard trees from sites south of I-40
 - 4/19/22 - Selected hazard trees with Jerry Carroll in Las Huertas PA and on Sandia Cave Trail
 - 4/20/22 - Removed hazard trees in Cienega PA
 - 4/24/22 - Michal Arndt and Sam removed hazard trees in Oak Flat Group PA and Cedro Group CG
 - 4/27/22 - Removed hazard trees in Cienega, Balsam Glade, and Capulin Pas; Quartered large rounds and bucked logs in Cienega PA
 - 4/29/22 - Eric Russell, Jerry Carroll, and Sam removed 4 hazard trees in Capulin PA



Treasurer's Report, Cliff Giles for Tim Brown

- Membership – 123 including 44 Life Sponsors
- Current assets – \$69,762
 - Checking account – \$29,762
 - CDs – \$40,000
 - Committed funds – \$18,000 (Juan Tabo Basin CCC Project)
- April transactions
 - Revenue – \$4,623
 - Includes \$3,511 from Watermelon 100 Project (donations thru 4/15)
 - Does not include \$5K REI grant received after May 1
 - Expenditures – \$36



Treasurer's Report, Cliff Giles for Tim Brown

- FY2022 YTD revenues – \$29,825
 - Memberships – \$5,077
 - Donations – \$2,705
 - Fundraising – \$6,486
 - NM Game and Fish reimbursement – \$14,000
 - Interest – \$1,557
- FY2022 YTD expenditures – \$5,469
 - Projects – \$3,726
 - Fundraising/publicity – \$1,167
 - Other – \$576



Program Speaker Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO)
- Speaker: Ed DiBello
 - Discovered Rockies while attending college in Colorado
 - Retired engineer and former Air Force pilot
 - Volunteer with NMVFO since 2007
 - Served on Board 2016-2020, Vice-Chair 2017, Chair 2018-2019
 - Sandia Ski Patrol alumnus
 - FOSM member
 - Hobbies: hiking, downhill and cross-country skiing, working on NM trails



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- June 7 – Jayne Aubele, New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
- July 5 – Jerry Carroll, La Madera Volunteer Fire Department
- August 2 – Elliott Herrera, Forest Service, Southwest Coordination Center – Dispatch (Alternate in case Elliott is dispatched again: Trevor J. Mayschak, International Mountain Medicine Center)
- September 6 – Jessica Sapunar–Jursich, City of Albuquerque Open Space
- October 4 – Mike Madden, State of FOSM and annual election results