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General Membership Meeting
October 4, 2022

Featured speaker:
Mike Madden, FOSM President





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Election Results, Strategic Planning – Mike Madden
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Adjourn



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our September 6 General Meeting:
 - Welcome new members: William Kearns, Natalia Tritica, and Tayo Basquiat!
 - Thanks to Sam for his hard work in creating the FY2022 FOSM Annual Newsletter, and to all those who provided content.
 - Thanks also to Steve for chairing this year's Election Nominating Committee of Don, Joelle, and Sally.
 - We thank exiting board member Sally for her many years of service - handling certs, membership, trail tree reports.



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our September 6 General Meeting:
 - We mourn the passing of 15-year member, Bob Galloway, survived by his wife Betsy.
 - Reminder: Your volunteer hours worked during the past fiscal quarter are due to Antonio today.
 - Reminder: 2022 SRD Volunteer Appreciation Event, Friday Oct 21, 2:00-4:30 pm, Oak Flats, Locust Picnic Area, RSVP by Oct 6.
 - Snowshoe race: January 21, 2023
 - We're still in need of a paint crew leader.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since July Meeting
 - Trail Maintenance – 7
 - Trail Construction – 4
 - Paint and Graffiti – 2
 - General Projects – 4
 - Total Number of Outings – 17

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder (7 outings)
 - September 2 – Rocky Point, Gravel Pit trails--trees removed
 - September 6 – Switchback, Buried Cable---check on and some brushing/limbing
 - September 9 – Capulin peak Trail--tree removal
 - September 12 – Gravel Pit, Upper La Luz Tr. and Rocky Point--Trees removed
 - September 16 – Tecolote Trail AAT, Tree removal, limbing, brushing
 - September 22 – Tecolote Trail AAT, checking on prior rework by USFS and report illegal activity
 - September 26 – Survey, 10KN & Ellis Trails---tree removal



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (4 outings)
 - September 8 – Challenge Trail Extension
 - September 15 – Challenge Trail Extension
 - September 22 – Switchback Trail extension to Ellis TH; Crest Trail 130S reroute near junction with Gravel Pit Trail
 - September 29 – Challenge Trail Extension
- Challenge Trail extension: “...working south and east from Tree Spring towards the old Crest Road. Nearly there!”



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Paint Projects Led by Anne Hickman (2 outings)
 - September 6 – Painted 9 new picnic table benches and 5 old benches at Pine Flat PA
 - September 13 – Completed painting benches at Pine Flat PA; total of 22 benches painted



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (4 outings)
 - September 7 – Cut brush around old and new Barro Wildlife Drinkers
 - September 10 – Project with Los Ranchos Boy Scout Troop 9 to buck, split, and haul 1.5 cords of firewood to church woodlot
 - September 14 – Chipped slash in Cienega, Sulphur, and Doc Long Picnic Areas
 - September 21 – Cut brush at three sites: Cienega Road & Crest Hwy, Capulin Road & Crest Hwy, and on new sledding slope at Capulin Snowplay Area



Election Results, Mike Madden

- No ballots were submitted to info@friendsofthesandias.org
- No ballots were submitted by regular postal mail
- One ballot emailed directly to Mike Madden
- Three emails stating 'for' all nominees listed on the ballot
- There were no write-in nominees
- Recall that no response is considered a vote 'for' the proposed nominees
- Therefore, let's move that all nominees listed on the ballot be elected by acclamation



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- Origins of FOSM Strategic Planning
- With new blood in the two top offices of President and VP two years ago, what better time to take a fresh look to improve an already great organization!
- The Strategic Planning Committee(Mike, Cliff, Lou, Sam) came up with the following four goals, which are reviewed by the Board every year:
 - Strengthen our relationship with SRD leadership
 - Broaden our community outreach (next generation members & stewards) education and development
 - Develop close relationships with other organizations and agencies
 - Improve FOSM infrastructure to facilitate mission accomplishment



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **First Goal: Strengthen our relationship with SRD leadership**
 - For us to be most effective on the District, we need a strong partnership with SRD leadership.
 - SRD and FOSM meet early Spring every year to compare and prioritize projects.
 - Sam and I can call or email Crystal, Julie, Antonio, Kerry, or Russell and get a quick response.
 - Going forward: redefine and strengthen the Adopt-A-Trails program, Adopt-A-Drop, Adopt-A-Hwy.



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **Second Goal: Broaden our community outreach (next generation members & stewards) education and development**
 - For the second year, we partnered with Sandia Nordic Ski Club on a few Saturdays as an opportunity for our younger working members to volunteer.
 - We scheduled two outings with ABQ Digital Arts and Technology Academy.
 - We had a wood hauling outing with Los Ranchos Boy Scout Troop 9.



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **Second Goal: Broaden our community outreach (next generation members & stewards) education and development**
 - Talking Talons did not have a youth crew this year, but we are participating in reformatting their crew orientation this year, and will partner with next year's crew.
 - We did tabling at the ABQ REI store on both Saturdays of their Labor Day Sale.
 - Going forward: Talking Talons, DATA, RMYC, SWCC, Boy Scouts, Kids in the Woods, FS ABQ Service Center, Army Recruiters, SMNHC, Carlito Springs, REI, Jr. Ranger Program, Donation wood. Also, make use of social media-Facebook, etc.



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **Third Goal: Develop close relationships with other organizations and agencies**
 - In an effort to develop partnerships, we've had other organizations make presentations at our monthly meetings and will continue to do so going forward.
 - Going forward: user groups- Sandia Nordic, AMBA, 505 Cycling, NMCCSC, Backcountry Horsemen, OHV; volunteer orgs- NMVFO, NMWild, AWF, TCWC, TNC, Sandia Collaborative; agencies- City OS, BernCo OS, BLM.



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **Fourth Goal: Improve FOSM infrastructure to facilitate mission accomplishment**
 - Thanks to Cliff for continued website management- almost all dues renewals, new memberships and donations are now done online, snowshoe race coverage and results, Watermelon 100 and GoFundMe page, arranged for all meetings and speakers on Zoom.
 - Thanks to Silke for our new business card design.
 - Thanks to Joelle for taking the lead on getting our Guard Station in order, moving flammables to the white HAZMAT shed, doing a deep cleaning and reorganizing, and making arrangements for electricity!



Strategic Planning, Mike Madden

- **Fourth Goal: Improve FOSM infrastructure to facilitate mission accomplishment**
 - We broadened our chainsaw certification base, with two advancing to B level and four new A level.
 - Going forward: redundancy on critical skills/apprentice program (crosscut saw and chainsaw sharpening, FS truck driver & trailer towing certs), develop recognition criteria and process for departing valued members.



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- Searching for in-person meeting facility for next year.
- Considerations:
 - Rental fees
 - Insurance requirements
 - Membership residence distribution
- See you in April!