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General Membership Meeting  
May 2, 2023

Featured speaker:

Hannah Russert, Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA)





## Agenda

- Vice-President's Remarks – Cliff Giles
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Program – Hannah Russert, Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA)
- Q&As
- Adjourn



## Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our April Meeting:
  - Pat and Mike Madden on travel for 6 weeks
  - Ciudad SWCD free workshop on controlling wildfire risk, native and invasive plants, Saturday May 6, 10-noon, Tijeras Biozone Education Center
  - Carlito Springs Open Space reopening, Saturday May 6, 10-noon
  - Adopt-A-Hwy- Crest Road Mile 4-5 clean-up scheduled for Saturday May 20
  - Meet Steve Stucker, May 24, 2023, Lantern Ridge patio, 5:00-7:00 AM
  - Talking Talons YCC will work projects with us May 31-June 15
- Paint Crew Leader needed



## Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at hybrid meeting:
  - Zoom participants, please keep your microphone muted and your video disabled.
  - Use Chat for questions and feedback.
- A **big** thank you to Joelle Hertel for helping with Zoom and room setup.



## Welcome New Member!

Erik Aspelin – April 28, 2023\*

Mark Aspelin – April 28, 2023\*

Irene Ortiz – April 26, 2023

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## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since April 4 Meeting
  - Trail Maintenance – 3
  - Trail Construction – 1
  - Paint and Graffiti – 1
  - General Projects – 8
  - Total Outings – 13
- Melting snow with resulting run-off and muddy conditions limited trail work this month.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (3 outings)
  - April 10 – Remediation of root ball damage to trail tread and cut back protruding log on Pino Trail.
  - April 17 – Removed fallen trees from Cienega/Armijo area trails.
  - April 24 – Two projects: 1) Brushing and minor trail work on Domingo Baca Trail; 2) Removed large fallen tree blocking Embudito Trail.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (1 outing)
  - April 2022 – Challenge Trail extension, building new trail above Doc Long.

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## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (1 outing)
  - April 25 – Removed graffiti at Otero Trailhead and on Juan Tabo PA boulders and stone shelter.

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## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (8 outings)
  - April 6 – Stain/sealer applied to wooden picnic table benches in La Cueva PA.
  - April 10 – Selected hazard trees in Pine Flat PA and Cedro Group CG.
  - April 11 – Selected hazard trees in Cienega PA.
  - April 12 – Installed of gutters on FOSM Guard Station.
  - April 13 – Removed 3 solar collector poles in Sulphur PA.
  - April 16 – Felled hazard trees in Pine Flat PA and Cedro Group CG.
  - April 19 – Felled hazard trees in Cienega PA.
  - April 23 – Selected hazard trees at Tree Spring and Dry Camp THs, ski area overflow parking lot, Balsam Glade PA, and Capulin PA and Snow Play Area.



## Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- June 6, 2023 – International Mountain Medicine Center, Trevor Mayachak.
- July 11, 2023 – Bernalillo County Open Space, Adam Splitek.  
*(Note week delay because of holiday!)*
- August 1, 2023 – Cibola Search and Rescue, Shannon Braune.
- September 5, 2023 – Sandia Natural History Center, Paul Mauermann.
- October 3, 2023 – FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden.

*Pauline Ho graciously volunteered to talk about a trip she and Rick Buss recently made to Midway Atoll, where they served as volunteer albatross counters, should one of the scheduled speakers drop out.*



## Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Topic: Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA)
- Speaker: Hannah Russert
  - Grew up in southeastern Minnesota
  - Moved to Albuquerque almost 5 years ago
  - MS in Biomedical Engineering and Project Management, UNM
  - Technology Marketing Manager at UNM Rainforest Innovations
  - Board Member and President of AMBA.
  - Other interests
    - Mountain biking for exploration, hanging out with friends, and generally being outside
    - First full semi-professional enduro/downhill racing season!
    - Raising two black labs