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General Membership Meeting  
June 6, 2023

Featured speaker:

Jason Williams, International Mountain Medicine Center (IMMC)





## Agenda

- Vice-President's Remarks – Cliff Giles
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Program – Jason Williams, Director, International Mountain Medicine Center (IMMC)
- Q&As
- Adjourn



## Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our May Meeting:
  - Pat and Mike Madden overseas through June 7.
  - **Sim Cook featured on KOB TV *Pay it 4Ward* on May 1.\***
  - Carlito Springs Open Space grand reopening held on Saturday May 6.
  - Adopt-A-Highway - Crest Road Mile 4-5 clean-up scheduled for Saturday May 20 postponed until further notice. Will reschedule ASAP.
  - **Sam Beard and Don Carnicom meeting with Steve Stucker featured on KOB TV, May 24, Lantern Ridge patio, 6:15 and 6:45 AM.\***
  - A crew of 7 from Talking Talons Youth Leadership is working projects with us May 31 through June 15.

\* Videos available at <https://friendsofthesandias.org>



## Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our May Meeting:
  - Antonio Garcia has accepted a Headquarters USFS position but will continue to work from Albuquerque. Julie Padilla acting Volunteer Coordinator for time being.
  - Crosscut saw bucking certification conducted by FS June 1 and 2. Several FOSM members participated.
  - No National Trails Day (June 3) project this year due to SRD staff turnover.
- Still need Paint Crew Leader



## Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt at hybrid meeting:
  - 8 and 5 participants in previous meetings.
  - Zoom participants, please keep your microphone muted and your video disabled.
  - Use Chat for questions and feedback.
  - Speakers, please repeat questions for Zoom audience if questioner not speaking into microphone.
  - Audience, please wait for Silke Bletzer with microphone during Q&A session.
- Another **big** thank you to Joelle Hertel for helping with Zoom and conference room setup.



## Welcome New Members!

Rhiannon Simpler – May 4, 2023

Susan Gregory – May 22, 2023

Wendie Ziegler and Paul Wolf – May 31, 2023



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since April 4 Meeting
  - Trail Maintenance – 5
  - Trail Construction – 4
  - Paint and Graffiti – 4
  - General Projects – 7
  - Total Outings – 20



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (5 outings)
  - May 1 – Removed fallen trees from Bill Spring, Faulty, and Sulphur Trails.
  - May 8 – Removed fallen trees from Tecolote Trail.
  - May 15 – Removed fallen trees from 10K South and Challenge Trails.
  - May 22 – Removed fallen trees from Cienega and upper Pino Trails.
  - May 30 – Sally and Bob Lowder removed fallen trees from Gravel Pit Trail.  
(Lots of work remaining.)
- Thanks to all the individuals who use CTR to report obstacles and trees they've cleared!





## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (4 outings)
  - May 4 – Challenge Trail extension.
  - May 11 – Challenge Trail extension.
  - May 15 – Challenge Trail extension.
  - May 25 – Challenge Trail extension.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Anne Hickman and Sam Beard (4 outings)
  - May 5 – Painted sign boards in lower La Cueva PA.
  - May 9 – Painted sign boards at La Cueva restroom.
  - May 26 – Removed graffiti from boulders at Juan Tabo PA restroom.
  - May 30 – Painted Pine Flat PA restroom and benches.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (7 outings)
  - May 3 – Felled hazard trees in Doc Long and Sulphur Canyon PAs.
  - May 7 – Selected hazard trees in two PAs and removed two logs from Challenge Trail.
  - May 10 – Low stumped trees in Cienega PA and felled hazard trees at three sites.
  - May 17 – Completed pruning Tramway Trail.
  - May 21 – Limbed and bucked two logs in Capulin Snow Play Area.
  - May 24 – Limbed logs in Cienega and Sulphur PAs and cleaned Cienega Nature Trail.
  - May 31 – Processed wood at Cienega PA with Talking Talons Youth Leadership crew members.



## Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

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

*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: International Mountain Medicine Center (IMMC), UNM
- Speaker: Jason Williams, Director
  - Director of the International Mountain Medicine Center at the University of New Mexico where he and his faculty train healthcare professionals from across the globe in mountain emergency medicine and rescue.
  - Paramedic and holds Bachelors in Emergency Medicine; obtained International Diploma in Mountain Emergency Medicine in Switzerland under the shadow of the Matterhorn.
  - Founder of UNM's Diploma in Mountain Medicine (DiMM).





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- Speaker: Jason Williams, Director
  - Member of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue.
  - Chairs the international DiMM Regulation and Assessment Committee.
  - On the board of directors of the Wilderness Medical Society.
  - Past member and president of volunteer-based Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council and formed University of New Mexico's first helicopter mountain rescue team in collaboration with Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit.
  - Featured by the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation and has rock climbed throughout world.
  - "Nothing beats climbing a granite cliff face in the Sandia mountains with my life-long climbing partner/wife and teaching our five-year-old daughter to share our love for New Mexican mountains."