

Trails & Open Space Committee

June 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes – FINAL

<i>TOS Committee Members</i>			
Peter Sawyer (Chair)	Richard Bothwell	Graham Reid	Graham Reid
Gayle Dana (Vice Chair)	Julie Thornton	Ellen Rayner	Julie Thornton
Lorna Dobrovoly (Vice Chair)	Carol Lindsay	Scott Bauhs	VJ Bonnard
John Groom (Staff Lead)		Livia Quan	
<i>Affiliated Staff:</i> Leslie Loveland			
<i>Subcommittee Members:</i> Cathy Ravano (DM), Nan Meek (DM, EQ, EM), Laura Lindgren (DM)			
<i>Liaisons:</i> Benjamin Levine (BOD), Laura Lindgren (LRPC)			
<i>Other Staff:</i> None			
<i>Guests:</i> Amy Porter, Merle Fajans, David Cahill, Nan Carnal			

I. The meeting of the Trails & Open Space Committee (TOS) was called to order at 3:01pm with a quorum present.

II. Opening Business

- Member Comments
 - Lorna Dobrovoly – Requested that the EQ Subcommittee schedule a meeting with staff.
 - Cathy Ravano – Asked about Tahoe Donner’s representation in the Nevada County Recreation Plan
 - David Cahill – Introduced himself as a trail runner and mountain biker who enjoys sharing the trails with his young girls. He is also interested in potentially applying for TOS membership.
- The TOS received a report from the LRPC Liason
- TOS Approved previous meeting minutes as presented.

III. Update from Dog Management Subcommittee

- The TOS accepted the subcommittee’s May 25, 2023 minutes.
- The subcommittee updated the TOS on its task progress and presented a draft matrix dog management policies at nearby and comparable trail systems. The subcommittee expects to complete its assigned task and deliver a final report and matrix to the TOS in the coming months.

IV. Committee Policy and Governance Discussion

- The TOS discussed committee governance issues. Highlights included:
 - The TMP's central role in the committee's discussions and considerations.
 - The committee's role in providing feedback at the strategic level.
 - The need to focus committee member feedback into TOS meetings, reducing the number of side conversations.
 - The proper handling of sensitive documents within the committee

V. Nature and Purpose of Trail Management Objective (TMO) Forms

- Staff provided TOS with a primer on TMO forms, a US Forest Service management tool that staff is adapting for use in Tahoe Donner.

VI. By email, staff will provide TOS members with information on the following:

- Staff's summer trail season work plan
- Summer Stewardship and Outreach Plan

VII. The TOS meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm