



Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Northwoods Clubhouse & on Zoom

Committee Members:

Karen Aaron (absent)
VJ Bonnard (Zoom)
Richard Bothwell (absent)
David Cahill (Zoom)
Gayle Dana, Vice Chair (in person)
Eric Lawrence (in person)
Carol Lindsay (in person)
Kevin O'Neil (in person)
Livia Quan (Zoom)
Graham Reid, Vice Chair (in person)
Peter Sawyer, Chair (in person)
Julie Thornton (Zoom)

Staff/Liaisons:

Denise Gauny - Board Liaison (Zoom)
John Groom - Director of Land Management (in person)
Laura Lindgren - Long Range Planning Committee Liaison (absent)
Leslie Loveland - Trails Manager (in person)
Annie Rosenfeld - General Manager (in person)

Guests

Ellen Raynor (in person)
Allan Sachs (Zoom)
Lisha Rudd (Zoom)

1. Call to Order / Quorum Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm with ten committee members present, constituting a quorum.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting were approved as presented by consensus after three corrections were made by the Chair.



3. Member Comments

Kevin O'Neil commented on the dry weather and the need to be diligent regarding fire safety.

4. Comments by the Committee Chair,

Peter Sawyer encouraged the committee members to become more involved in stewardship events and stated his intention to step away from the Chair position beginning in July.

5. Committee Reports

Laura Lindgren was not present but in a written statement read by the Chair commented that the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) had reviewed and analyzed the 1,665 responses submitted by members on the following two open ended questions.

1. What values or principles do you believe should guide our community planning as we look to the future; and
2. What do you believe are the two biggest challenges facing our community today.

The LRPC will continue working on a summary of these two questions.

6. Report from Board of Directors liaison:

Denise Gauny highlighted actions taken by the board in regards to community standards, fee schedules, and changes to the amenity access rules. She also previewed the renovations that are taking place at the Tennis and Pickleball Center.

7. Review of 2025 projects and trail usage

Leslie Loveland presented a review of trail projects and trail usage from last summer. She reminded everyone that Tahoe Donner's trails are all closed until they have a chance to dry out and hazards are removed.

8. Summer Season Work Preview:

Leslie Lovland reviewed the interactive web based map and how to navigate it, as it has the most up to date information on current projects. She then highlighted some of the projects that are on tap for this spring and summer.

9. Trails Stewardship Program update:

Leslie also discussed upcoming stewardship days involving staking the board walk at Coyote Crossing and the Nature Trail. Dates for the stewardship opportunities are on the website. Upcoming TOS meetings will be field trips.



10. Land Management and Timber Harvest Plan Update

John Groom briefed the committee on the scope and purpose of the updated 2026 Timber Harvest Plan and how it relates to the 2022 Trails Master Plan, the 2025 Trails Implementation Plan, and how it will help form the foundation for the 2026 Land Management Plan.

11. Update of the 2022 Trails Master Plan and 2025 Trails Implementation Plans

There was an in depth discussion of the above by John Groom.

12. Next Meeting

The next TOS committee meeting will be held May 6, 2026. It will be a field tour of the East Perimeter Forestry and Trail Projects beginning at the Hansel Mailboxes. There will be no video or Zoom.

13. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.