

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of March 19, 2014

Present: Russell Reinertson, Kevin Jenkins, Donna Clayton, Tom Cannon

Absent: Bruce Faulkner, Dave Brown, Doug Bell, Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy

Ex-Officio: Kevin Cooney, Trails and Access Technician

Guests: Anna Laxague, Pacific Northwest Region Director IMBA

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order. Public notice was posted and quorum was not met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2014

The February 19, 2014 minutes were amended as follows: Page 2, Item 1, Under NAH Abstractor, change Law of the Splintered Trail to Law of the Splintered Paddle. Page 3, Under Old Business, Item 7, change statement to read: Nakula potential access routes ramifications of BLNR Decision on Proposed Land Exchange – As the land exchange is no longer considered, pending the archaeological study, the next step is to review the Balthazar lease access wording again. Page 3, Under Old Business, item 9, the Waipoli Road access is now anticipated to be closed for 6 weeks and to reopen May 1st. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

NAH Staff Reports

Kevin Cooney/NAH Technician:

Volunteer/Intern Update: Sean Merrel has completed 765 hours (45%) of his year-long internship. He has been working hard to record and inventory all trail signs on the Maui trails as well as helping out with our other projects.

We completed our log step construction on Haleakala Ridge Trail. Another section of the trail needs some rerouting and improvement as recent heavy rains have further eroded a steep area just before the Plum Trail Junction. This will be our next task in the area. Of course, a month would not be complete without having to cut away some downed trees from the Kula Forest Reserve Trails, and we were once again engaged on Waiakoa Loop Trail, Boundary Trail, Haleakala Ridge Trail, Poli Poli Trail, and Plum Trail. This was accomplished during the two campout weeks that were spent in the Poli Poli Cabin since my last report.

The Universal Trail Assessment Training by the staff from Beneficial Designs was rescheduled to the last week in April.

A wet winter has made the grasses and weeds flourish island-wide, which means we will be busy doing trail maintenance and brushing on Lahaina Pali Trail, Ohai Trail, Waihee Ridge Trail and Waikaoi Ridge Trail in the coming weeks.

We are looking into improving the signage along Hoapili Trail, specifically from where the road ends at La Perouse Bay.

Next week we will be attending the Kanepu'u Interpretive Trail Dedication Ceremony on Lana'i.

Finally, we spent part of last week attending the annual Wildland Fire Refresher Training, which keeps our firefighting certification current.

NAH Specialist: No report – Torrie is away for a family funeral.

Public Testimony: None

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – A meeting has been arranged for Monday, March 24, with Rob Parsons on this trail proposal along with an IMBA presentation by Anna Laxague regarding the benefit of trails in the community. Russell will also attend. Donna sent the TMKs along the route to Torrie for research by Moana. She also showed the council her first proposed route to start the discussion and was encouraged to extend the route to Lipoa Pt.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan – Russell reported Jason Wells of Trail Solutions has been up 3 times to the recreational area and has developed a list of trail features for the site and an estimate of expenses. Planning is coming along if funds are released. A collection agreement between Trails Unlimited Enterprise Unit, State DLNR and the USDA Forest Service was circulated.
3. Haleakala Bridle Trail Update – The trial started this Monday and the jury has been selected. It will continue next Monday in Judge Cordoza's court - 4th floor.
4. Education, Outreach and Trail Safety Education – The Universal Trail Assessment Training by the staff will take place 4/28 – 5/1.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail Access issues – Defer to next month.
6. Nakula Potential Access Routes – Defer to next month. The next step is to review the Balthazar lease access wording again.
7. National Trails Day (June) – Defer to next month.
8. Statewide Meeting On Maui (July) – Defer to next month.

New Business

1. Suggestions for new NAH trails – Tom Cannon brought in several maps from Monsarrat and W. D. Alexander showing roads, trails and paths old enough to be public rights of way. Some landowners have gated off the access due to disputes over time and permission is now needed for access on some routes.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Add Monsarrat and W.D. Alexander Maps.
3. Date of Next Meeting: April 16 at 2 pm.

Open Forum: None

Adjournment: 3:15 pm