

Black Hills Climbing Coalition Meeting Minutes
3-21-12
SDSM&T 7pm

Attendees: Becky Pinkelman, Rebecca Wold, Becky Wagner, Chris Hirsh, Will Busse, Andy Koosman, Jim Slichter, Denise Hardesty, Jake Ferguson, Chris Pelczarski, Lyle Clapp, Ron Yahne, Adrienne Lindholm, Andy Mundon, Mary Beth Wells

Rushmore Update:

- Federal Funding to improve hwy and do an environmental assessment of the trails and rare plants. Please give your input to Bruce Weismen at Mt Rushmore National Memorial 13000 HWY 244 Building 31 Suite 1 Keystone, SD 57751 prior to March 28th. You can also do this on the website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/moru/> There has been discussion of removing parking at the Rushmore Memorial Sign close to Wrinkle Rock Parking Lot. There has been pressure from the DOT to remove this parking. Forest Service Plans to expand to 40 parking spots at Wrinkle Rock and add some tent pads to this area. Ideas of alternatives to closing the parking are to have a cross walk and change the speed limit and have pedestrian signs and possible rumble strip. If parking does get closed to make sure Wrinkle Rock expansion is completed prior to closure. Other areas open for comments are revamping the kiosks. Adding one at South Seas near Squirrels Alley, another at North Park and one at Emancipation. Also restoration of trails near Toy Boat to help stabilize the area. Some extra trails where numerous trails go to climbs may be able to be eliminated. For example the ones coming from the north east into Boylesque, just have one good trail. The trail headed to Garfield could be improved. Remap the trail to Baldy and have some markers. Discussion of possible new trails? DO a loop thru marker and down through Emancipation. The trail from Mt Rushmore parking S to the Mickelson trail to Blackberry is dangerous currently for horses. We recommend having a map of the area at the kiosks.

Andy Burr Slide Show:

- Mike McNeill works at BH State has scheduled a slide show for the BH State Students and then we plan to have Andy do a different slide show for the public put on by the BHCC at Crow Peak Brewery on Sat April 21st for a cost of \$300. First climbing day in the canyon "Canyon Crawl" location yet to be determined. Crow Peak said they would give \$1.00 of each beer sold to the Coalition. WIN WIN! There is discussion of an auction and Andy Koosman is to call for donations for the auction of raffle prizes. We will need someone to work the front door. Hirsh is to weave a few rope rugs. Posters are to be made by Corriisa Krueger and distributed by Jim Slichter to Granite Sports, Andy Busse and Jason to go to shops, Jason to send some to Mike Mc Neill at BHState, Becky Pinkelman to SDSM&T and Jason to post on Mtn Project. It was voted and passed to charge 10.00 per member, 15.00 per non member and \$30 to join the BHCC and see the show. Jason to see if Bruce could auction off routes to be repaired or get donations for routes. We plan to sell some BHCC T-shirts at this event. The Rock Maze clean up day is the next day! This is in conjunction with the Northern Hills Forest Service.
- Busse/Burr Guide book to be out May 1st.
- BHCC t-shirts: Turkey T's said 8.50 per shirt for front small and back larger logo in a solid color. Proposed 50 shirts in sizes of a bell curve is \$425. Sell them for \$20 should bring in \$1000 for a net of \$575. It was proposed to see if womens could be a fitted T. Ideas for colors and logos was presented and voted on. The winner was Mint Green shirts with white logos. The logos are the

BHCC small logo in the front with the Conn piton on the back. Looking into getting the Conns signature on the back also.

- Herb Conn Climbing Day: Free weekend in May. Possibly the Sat the week before Memorial Day. Where is to be determined at the next meeting.
- Adopt a Crag at the Rock Maze: Big Thanks to Will Busse, Mike Cronin and Mark Jobman. Registered with the access fund. Sun April 22nd 11-2. Sponsored by AAC, Osprey Packs and the Access Fund. The Alpine Club is providing pizza. Volunteer form is to be filled out today by some BHCC members.
- Update at Vegan Boulder: Will Busse attended the meeting. For now keep to the left and keep from down climbing over the historic marks. Briefly discussed synthetic boulders for the park. Jerry Cole with the City Parks Dept. seems to be in favor of the boulders so this is good! The Historical Society is trying to register Vegan Boulder with the State Historical Society. They will contact Will when the next meeting is.
- Hardware Update: Funding: Checking is at \$2300. Need \$700 for Burr and shirts. Plan to get order in May and powder coat this summer.
- Mark Jobman is looking into the American Alpine Club for insurance.
- There has been a question as to the current email address list. Jim said all new members have been added to the list and should be receiving emails.
- Chris Pelczarski to look into a speaker slide show.

Meeting adjourned.