

Black Hills Climbers Coalition Meeting Minutes

Firehouse Wine Cellars

February 20, 2017

Board members present: Andy Koosman, Ron Yahne, Aaron Stetzer, Jim Slichter

1. New gear

10 new ropes and hardware were purchased, as discussed in the January meeting.

2. Spearfish Canyon Park Proposal

Mikel Cronin discussed the issues brought up at the meetings he has attended. The majority of the attendees are opposed to the development of a state park in Spearfish Canyon. Meetings will take place on a monthly basis until August. The state has hired a firm from Billings, Mont. to look at options. Mikel noted that there are two historic tunnels in the area. He also noted that the Pumphouse still makes money by generating electricity.

3. Slideshow

Chris has been attempting to set up a slide show with Paul Piana. Ron Yahne said he would also try to make contact with Paul. One possible venue is the new location of the Hay Camp Brewery at the SW corner of 6th and Kansas City.

4. Meeting in Spearfish – April 17, 7 p.m.

In order to include the climbers in the Spearfish area, the April 17th meeting will be held in the backroom at Killian's Tavern at 539 W. Jackson Blvd. in Spearfish, provided their construction project is finished by then. The BHCC will bring the square reader and applications and encourage those non-members to join. The BHCC will also bring along old and new gear to show those in attendance what the BHCC does with a portion of their membership fees.

5. Adopt-a-Crag

The Adopt-a-Crag event will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. After discussion on various locations, it was decided that the Rock Maze would be the location. Andy Koosman will research various methods of removing spray paint. James, from the SDSMT Climbing Club, said he would mention the event to the SDSMT club.

6. Access Fund Conservation Team

Andy K. talked with Ty from the Access Fund regarding the possibility of having the conservation team come back to the Black Hills. More information will be provided at the March meeting.

7. Rebolting

Mike Cronin would like to provide information and instructions to those who wish to rebolt using glue-ins. He was interested in finding out what routes at Falling Rock climbers would

rather lead than top rope. Suggestions were made as to how to contact climbers for this information – through the website, Facebook, flyers, hang outs.

8. St. Francis Indian School Climbing Trip

Dan Nix from the SDMST Climbing Club was present and noted that he is starting to organize a climbing trip for high school students and their chaperones from the St. Francis Indian School on the Rosebud Reservation. It would be in early June, 10-15 kids, top ropes. He is looking for assistance in providing help with all aspects of this venture including locations, climbers and belayers, places to stay and etc. Several members are interested and talked with Dan.

9. Strength Tests

Ron Yahne would like to see if the BHCC could set up a time with professors at the SDSMT to test the strength of climbing equipment. James from the SDSMT Climbing Club said he would investigate the possibility.

10. Rebolting of Sylvan Lake “Tourist Trail” Routes

Ron Yahne notes that there are several climbs along Sylvan Lake near the tunnel – Mistake, Fair Game, Knots Landing, that need repair. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Ron Y. and Chris H. would do the repairs.

Meeting Adjourned.