

VCRAC Meeting Minutes Nov 27, 2023

- Present Jeff Mousseau, Emily Bettin, Eric Weiseth, April Whitney, Dave Bingaman, Drew Kirsch, Shane Hinson
- 5:32 Jeff calls meeting to order. We have a quorum.
- April motions to approve last meeting minutes, Eric seconds, motion passes.
- CITRA presentation. Founded in 2016. Johanna Defoort and several members of CITRA (Central Idaho Trail Riders Alliance) board present. 503c nonprofit. Known for keeping riding trails open. They train members how to operate various tools, such as chainsaws. Trail work also involves re-treading. Trail work is the number one function they do. But formed to keep “access for all” and have a voice on motorized recreation when it comes to land use. Johanna voiced CITRA’s support of the Boulder campground. They requested over 300K to help put in the recreation area from the state. Johanna suggested that we write a letter of support. Their big ask is for our and the county’s support of the Boulder campground / trail project. Idahotrails.gov has a good source of trail maps.
 - They engage with local businesses to engage members.
 - They host a trail clearing event on Memorial Day weekend.
 - Loon Lake Trail has been given to CITRA by the forest service to maintain.
 - They host ladies ride in September.
 - Family friendly atmosphere.
 - Collaborate with CIMBA
 - They have corporate partners.
- Dave Bingaman informed us the IDL doesn’t want to be in the recreation business and would like the county to deal with all the non-commercial leases and manage that through parks and rec. That is in its early stages, lots of work to put this together.
- Discussion about the CITRA presentation and discussed issuing a letter of support for the Boulder campground and trailhead. We will proceed with the letter of support; we approved the action last month.

- Discussion and update from communications subcommittee. We still need to get together and move this forward. Raftidaho.org is an example of a good website for our review.
- Some discussion on long term recreation strategy (strategic plan). Jeff gave us an example of the State of Idaho plan. They try and update them every 4 years. Dave is looking for a basic outline or document on what we want to do. Doesn't need to be too in depth, but a basic direction we can show the county. Dave asked us to do some homework on this over the next month. There is a lot of information out there to go over.
- 6:58 meeting adjourned.