



Turtle Tracks

Official Newsletter of the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association



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President's Message

Hello to trail users:

Well, the snow is not very deep, and the weather has been very tolerable so far in Maah Daah Hey country. Quite a few people have enjoyed this winter on the MDH trail as per comments from actual users to me. This TT issue will update our membership on 2022 happenings and new stuff that we are going to be doing this spring and summer.

First, we have our **Annual Meeting** scheduled for April 23, 2022, in Dickinson, at the **Eagles Club**, with our keynote speaker being **Mark Zimmerman**. We also will be electing Board Members, catching up on local updates, and voting on a **By Law update** to match Board terms.

The **MDH trail** is in the magazine news: **Backpacker** Jan-Feb 2022 issue highlights the MDH in America's best hikes list, and the **North Dakota Living** Jan 2022 edition shows the MDH as a great winter experience for hikers and fat tire bikers.

A big **THANK YOU** to new Life Members **Matt, Chase, and Carter Glasoe; Jason, Jen, Morgan, and Elliot Stiefel, and Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. Rachel and Randy Brag** joined at the Post Marker level, at the Trail Boss level **Andrea Stromberg**, and at the Founding level **Jessica Brooke, Donald Kingson and Thomas Schneider**. These donations really help our mission to **Promote**

and Maintain the Maah Daah Hey Trail system.

The merchandize store is still working well with the **MDH guide book and maps** being the biggest sellers. Check out **MDHTA.com.**, click on **STORE**, and place your order. All profits made from this store go towards the match from the **RTP** folks on basis of getting \$4 for each \$1 we spend on the surfacing projects. The **MDHTA** has received preapproval for 2022, **Recreational Trail Program (RTP)** grants from the **ND State Park and Recreation Department** that entail about 6 miles of trail surfacing split between the **Coal Creek** area and continuing along the **MDH on the Buffalo Gap** trail to the west river road west of Medora. Stay tuned for a volunteer workday on **National Trail Day, June 4** on the Andrews creek project.

Guided hikes along the MDH trail are planned for this spring and summer for trail users, see other articles in this TT for more information on these exciting endeavors.

THANK YOU to **Roger and Pat Ashley** for editing and preparing this Turtle Tracks Newsletter.

Here is to a mild winter remaining and hope you use this time to plan your MDH trip this coming field season by getting on the **MAAH DAAH HEY Trail**. See you at the **Annual Meeting** in Dickinson in April!

Happy Trails.

Curtis W. Glasoe – President - MDHTA

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Special point of interest:

The Maah Daah Hey Trail System includes:

- *Maah Daah Hey Trail*
- *Juniper Spur Trail*
- *Buffalo Gap Trail & Loop*
- *Ice Caves & Aspen Trails*
- *Hanson Overlook Trail*
- *Cottonwood Trail*
- *Bennet Trail*
- *Long X Trail*
- *Summit & Summit View Trails*
- *Wolf Trail*

Annual Meeting, April 23, 2022, Eagles Club, Dickinson

The MDHTA annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Eagles Club Dickinson. The Eagles Club in Dickinson is located at 31 1st Avenue East. The social will begin at 5 pm MT, dinner at 6 pm MT followed by the meeting.

The menu includes a salad bar, deep fried turkey, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable, with a price of \$25 per plate, price includes tax and tip.

There will be a cash bar, silent auction and door prizes.

Please bring an item for the silent auction. Please RSVP by Friday, April 8 to Amy Tysver by texting (preferred) or calling 701-290-3397 or if no answer Curt Glasoe at 701-260-9459 or curtglasoe@ndsupernet.com to let us know to reserve your spot at the meeting. Let Amy or Curt know the number in your party attending.

Annual Meeting Program

The keynote speaker will be Mark Zimmerman, MDHTA Director, former Director of North Dakota Parks and Recreation and is a promoter and volunteer for a number of outdoor organizations and a long time volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. The title of Mark's presentation is *Roosevelt's Little Missouri Adventure*. For more information on this presentation see Mark's article in this issue of Turtle Tracks.

Proposed By-Law Change

Members are officially notified of proposed changes to the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association By-Laws and published here at least 30 days ahead of the April 23, 2022 Annual Meeting to be held at the Eagles Club, 31 1st Ave E, Dickinson, ND. Changes are found within Article III, Section 1, Part d, and e. Text to be removed is struck through and the new proposed wording is in red.

The reason for the new wording is the original Part d is difficult to implement and confusing. The new wording makes the length of the directors' terms uniform and easier to follow while assuring that a majority of directors is never up for election in any one year so continuity and Association knowledge within MDHTA leadership is maintained.

The reason for the change in wording in Part e is to recognize that directors can be either male or female.

MDHTA board of directors recommends the general membership amend MDHTA By-Laws as presented below.

Trail reports from the organizations that support the Maah Daah Hey Trail System will be given. An election of three directors for the MDHTA Board will also be conducted.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will be held during the Annual Meeting. This is a fun way to support MDHTA activities during the year. Support and fun can be found in bringing a small item as well as purchasing. In 2021 the Silent Auction brought in \$668 that was used to help match grants MDHTA received from the RTP projects near Sully Creek State Park and Coal Creek.

MDHTA merchandise will be on sale at reduced prices along with a few remaining Forest Service signs.

We hope to see you at the MDHTA Annual Meeting!

P.S.

Please put June 4, 2022 on your calendar for a workday to match volunteer time with our 2022 RTP grant to surface more of the Maah Daah Hey Trail. It will be at Andrews Creek west of Medora, more to come as we develop the schedule.

Hope to See you there. – Curtis W. Glasoe, President MDHTA

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Number, Election, and Term of Office:

- a. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7), unless and until otherwise determined by vote of a majority of the entire membership.
- b. The directors of the Corporation shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the membership.
- c. There shall be no term limit for directors.
- d. ~~There shall be three (3) directors that hold two (2) year terms and two (2) directors that hold three (3) year terms. These terms of office shall be staggered so that not more than two (2) directors vacate office in any year.~~
Each director shall serve (3) year terms. These terms of office shall be staggered so that not more than three (3) directors vacate office in any year.
- e. Each director shall hold office until the annual meeting next succeeding his-their election, and until his-their successor is elected and qualified, or until his-their prior death, resignation, or removal.

Membership Recognition—Thank You!

Life Members:

Curtis Alkire
Roger & Pat Ashley
Sandy Baertsch
Bahne, Kay, Charlie & Anna Bahnson
Gerard & Mary Kay Baker
Glenn & Jolene Baranko
Brittney Barnett & Daniel Dwyer
Bruce & Roberta Bishop
Chad & Emily Mitzel Brackelsberg
Bev Brierley
Richard & Lori Brierley
Doug & Kathryn Burgum
Adam & Barbra Curtis
Tom & Sherri Dickson
Kenneth & Norma Eberts
Curt & Carol Glasoe
*Matthew, Carter & Chase Glasoe
Greg and Michele Gunderson
Jesse Hanson & Lisa Kudelka
Ron & Sheila Hartl
Dale & Jennifer Heglund
Heidi Heitkamp & Darwin Lange
William Hoeg
Dr. Tim & Amy Juelson
Ryan & Jo Marie Kadrmas
Christa Kron
Mike & Chandra Langseth
Mark Liebig
Ron Luethe
Don & Susan Mayer
Medora Convention & Visitors Bureau
Rodney & Carolyn Mitzel
John R. Olson
Mike Parke
Charles & Sandra Peterson
Hiram Rogers & Jean Gaugler
Brian Selland
*Jason, Jennifer, Morgan & Elliot Stiefel
Diane Stoltz Family
Vonne Tarnavsky
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation
*Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation
Loa Tober
Glenny Ulschak

Ryan and Amy Vojacek
Steve & Janet Wieser
Nick & Lindsey Ybarra
Mark Zimmerman

Post Marker:

*Rachel & Randy Brag
Chris Michel
Jarrod & Michaela Schell
Denise Steinbach

Trail Boss:

Peggy & John Fiedler
Glee Mayer
*Andrea Stromberg

Founding:

*Jessica Brooke
Kim & Joseph Callahan
Paul Conrad
Brittney Denesha
Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau
Lucas Graf
*Donald Kingston
Jeremy Mahowald
Amy McCann
Loren & Jennifer Morlock
Matt Pekuri
Wendy Roberts
*Thomas Schneider
Eric Selle
Leonard Stanley
Robert C. Stein
Freida Tebelius
The Printers, Inc.
Leland Tong
Sarah Vogel

In Memoriam

Denton & Paulette Berntson
Kyle Brierley
Aileen Luethe
Morris Tarnavsky

* Denotes new member at this level since last
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Roosevelt's Little Missouri Adventure

By Mark Zimmerman, MDHTA 2nd Vice President

Many of us have our favorite story or memory of an adventure in the North Dakota badlands. Hiking, horse back riding, mountain biking or camping on the Maah Daah Hey Trail is a sure-fire guarantee of having the best tale to tell friends and family. Maybe you have regaled your friends with stories of getting caught in a summer thunderstorm, riding or hiking through the notorious badlands muck, or running low on food and water and still having miles to go before the next campsite or a cache of food and water.

However, one of the greatest stories to come out of the badlands is the true tale of Theodore Roosevelt chasing boat thieves down the Little Missouri River, apprehending them

and then taking the three desperados to the nearest lawman—36 hours away in Dickinson. The adventure of boating on the ice jammed and flooded Little Missouri, traveling across country to secure horses and wagon and then the long journey to Dickinson with no sleep for Roosevelt is a story true to the spirit of Roosevelt and his beloved badlands.

Relive the details of this thrilling real life story at the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association's annual meeting in Dickinson. MDHTA board member Mark Zimmerman will present a program on the Elkhorn Ranch and the adventure of a lifetime.

MDHTA sponsors a guided mountain bike event

By Jesse Hanson, MDHTA Treasurer, and Amy Vojacek, MDHTA Vice President

The MDHTA is sponsoring a one day guided mountain bike trail ride on May 14, 2022. The ride is open to anyone but, is focusing on those new to riding the Maah Daah Hey and would like to ride with a group on a relatively easy portion of the trail.

The ride will start at the Buffalo Gap trailhead west of Medora with two riding options. A six-mile option will pull

off where the trail crosses old Highway 10 and the 14-mile ride will end up in Medora.

MDHTA will provide shuttle service back to the Buffalo Gap trailhead after the ride. Watch for updates for the event on the MDHTA Facebook page.

Contact Amy Vojacek at amyjo49@hotmail.com or phone 406-939-3789 if you plan to attend, for planning purposes.

MDH Trail Challenge

MDHTA will again be sponsoring the MDH Trail Challenge in 2022. Challenge miles can be earned from using any of the trails in the Maah Daah Hey Trail system. Trail miles are self-reported on the MDHT Challenge 2022 Mileage Log available to download at <http://mdhta.com/trail-challenge-2022/> or go to MDHTA.COM under the "News" tab. Since the

trail user self-reports, hikers, bikers, and horse riders may enjoy the trail in a group setting or enjoy the solitude and reflection with family or individually. When the record is complete for the year forward to the MDHTA address found in the lower righthand corner of the log. A patch and a decal will be sent as recognition of your accomplishment.

Forest Service Update

by Devin Olson, Trails Manager, Little Missouri National Grassland, USDA-Forest Service

The USFS has hired three trail crew members for the 2022 field season. We will be working with the Montana Conservation Corps at the end of April to construct both a spur trail and new trailhead at the Buffalo Gap. The new Buffalo Gap spur trail and trailhead will help alleviate the congestion that occurs at the Buffalo Gap campground. This improvement will allow easier access by trail users to the Buffalo Gap trail and the MDH with their preferred mode of use.

MM 115-133.5 on the MDH trail will see major restoration and rehabilitation by contractors this coming season. MM 115 is located north of the trail's intersection with FS Road 809 and MM 133.5 is at the south boundary of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit. Switchback

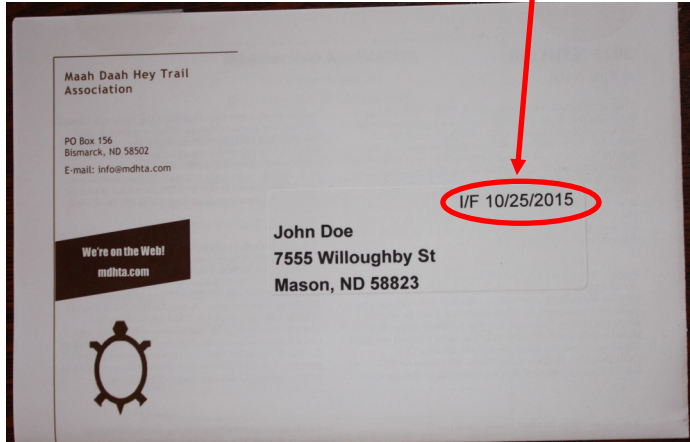
reconstruction, trail benching, water diversion bars and trail braiding rehab are among some of the maintenance that will be performed on this long section of the MDH, which is very much needed in this remote area.

In addition to the work outlined above there will be a 1.5 mile reroute of the MDH on the Pioneer Gulch drainage at MM 69.5 that will be constructed by both contractors and USFS trail crew. Work includes 2,600 ft of new trail excavation, 4,400 ft of trail mowing, 550 ft of trail brushing, two new switchbacks, and 25 rolling grade dips.

We will be coordinating with the MDHTA on new RTP contracts for the 2023 field season this coming Spring as well.

Membership Renewal – It May be Time!

“When do I renew my membership?” All memberships are one year in length except the three year Individual/Family Memberships and Life Memberships. To determine when your membership is up for renewal check the upper right corner of the mailing label on your newsletter.



Your current membership level (I/F = Individual or Family; F = Founding; T = Trail Boss; M = Mile Marker; and Life) as well as your membership expiration date is given. If your membership has expired please complete the membership application form found in this newsletter or go to mdhta.com/membership to complete the requested information. Include a check made out to MDHTA or if you wish to use a credit card go to mdhta.com/membership.

Moving? Changing your Email address?

Don't forget to contact us with your new postal address or email address. Stay connected.

Thanks to all those that have renewed to date!

Membership Application

Yes! I want to join the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual/Family Member - turtle pin | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Post Marker Member - wood sign on post or for home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Individual/Family Member for 3 years - turtle pin | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Life Member - turtle sign & name on kiosk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Founding Member <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt S M L XL | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Trail Boss Member - trail map & turtle pin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250+ Corporate Membership | |

Make checks payable to: MDHTA, P. O., Box 156, Bismarck, ND 58502

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Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Email newsletter: Yes No

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The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and maintaining a linear, non-motorized, sustainable, recreational trail system in southwest North Dakota, through voluntary and public involvement, and in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service.

Dates to Remember

April 23, 2022	MDHTA Annual Meeting, Eagles Club, Dickinson
May 14, 2022	Guided mountain bike event
May 2022 TBA	Trail post installation on MDHT in TRNP South Unit
June 4, 2022	Trails Day at Andrews Creek west of Medora
July TBA	Work Day at Coal Creek

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