

Friends of Snow Canyon State Park Directors' Meeting
March 12, 2026

Place: Snow Canyon State Park

Attending Board Members: Lori Capshaw, Alan Risenhoover, Ellen Nathan, Barry Neff, Sandy Nelson, Don Drabant, Jenean Campos, Jim Bily, Jesse Henderson (for Kristen Comella)

Excused absence: Linda Neff

The meeting was called to order by President Risenhoover at 3:00.

Part I. Written / Oral Reports

1. Minutes: The minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report: The report was approved with no objection. Don noted that Carl and Lisa Simer have promised \$20,000 for the Lower Galoot shade pavilion and intend to make an annual contribution.
3. Membership Report: Written report, approved. The new history report was well received.
4. Park update: Jesse reported that the many Park improvements over the past year are drawing rave reviews from visitors. The new annual pass express lane at the south entrance is especially appreciated by the locals. The West Canyon vault toilet will be installed on April 6 and 7.
5. Events: Lori's written report attached as an addendum.
6. Trail Stewards' Report: Jenean's written report attached. Jesse added that 10 trail stewards who have not been active have voluntarily resigned to open up spots for new volunteers.
7. Facebook: Jenean will coordinate with Lori to post FOSC events that are open to the public as well as no-reservation Park events.
8. Docents Report: Don said that two new docents have been added, bringing the total to 11. The goal for 2026 is 350 hours, up from 211.
9. Web Report: Written report from Sandy attached.
10. Mail-chimp: Alan has been busy announcing Friends events and not done much else to avoid bombarding members. He will get the annual report out in the next day or so.
11. Fund-raising: Don and Sandy will be making a presentation to the Snow Canyon Retirement Community on 3/19, hoping to attract some new members and contributions.

Part II. FOSC Business Updates.

1. Board vacancies: Lisa Kindred will be joining the board at the next meeting. With Jim resigning this month, a new secretary is needed as well as filling the vice president slot.
2. Urban Dark Sky designation: FOSC will have a table at the event the Park sponsors to celebrate its Urban Dark Sky designation. Alan asked for two to

set up and take the first shift and then two more for the second shift and to take down. Lori will coordinate. Lori will also arrange for cookies as a give-away snack.

3. Donor Tier Names: Sandy presented the final draft, already approved. She will now put these on the website. She clarified that the new tier names apply to donors, not members. The old names for membership tiers remain the same.
4. Bike Racks: Lori suggested that FOSC donate some new bike racks as that activity is growing in the Park. Jesse said the Park staff has been talking about this and deferred to Kristen.
5. Operating Costs: Alan presented a carve out of operating costs for the Friends that totaled less than 10% of revenue. Rather than tout a certain percentage of admin costs, we will continue to emphasize that we are an all-volunteer organization.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Next meeting on April 9 at 3:00 at Park Headquarters.

Written Reports

WEB REPORT (Sandy)

It's Spring, usage of the website is picking up. There was an overall increase with daily ups and downs. Often they correlate with a Mail Chimp release. I was happy to see a good number of hits directly to our homepage. As usual key pages are: Events, Homepage, Donate/Renew and now people using the Flower and Core Plant pages.

I updated and made a few changes to the News page - highlighted Spring with a link to those related pages. Contact page was updated to add the Events email. The Annual Report is available and minutes through January. I'll be adding February, just need to convert to Pdf on a different device.

EVENTS (Lori)

Previous events:

- **Illegal Trail Removal (Round 1)**, Thursday, February 19, 2026 (9a.m. – 11a.m.), East Berm Trail parking lot, 100 East in Ivins.
- **Hike with Geologist George Otott**, Wednesday, February 25. Thanks George! Great event with 26 participants
- **Batty and Beautiful**, Friday, March 6, 2026, 5p.m. – 7p.m., at the Lava Flow Trail, Due to chilly temps and high winds, we brought the event indoors and had a great time learning about the Bats of Snow Canyon. Cheyenne gave a dynamic, fact filled and entertaining presentation.

Upcoming proposed events:

- **Chuckwalla Spring Cleanup, March 18,** Volunteers are needed to spiffy up the Chuckwalla picnic pavilion, parking lot, and trailhead. Tasks include sweeping, cleaning picnic tables, moving rocks, weeding, and transplanting native plants (if conditions permit).
- **Dinosaur talk with Andrew Milner,** late March, details to come.
- **The Secret Lives of Wildflowers,** Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9a.m. – 11a.m., Scout Cave/Johnson Canyon parking lot, Join Park Manager, Kristen Comella, for a 2-mile roundtrip hike along the Johnson Canyon trail as we search for wildflowers and discuss some of the survival strategies they employ.
- **Yoga in the Park with John Yohman,** Upper Galoot, mid April.

TRAIL STEWARDS (Jenean)

SPECIAL PROJECT: February 2nd, 10am Butterfly Trail General maintenance, as well as, ongoing work closing social/illegal trails

TRAIL OF THE MONTH: White Rocks This trail is increasing in popularity as visitation to the park grows. Along with our "Meeting and Greeting" of guests to the park, we need to continue to focus on general trail maintenance of rock work, trail alignment, trimming of overgrowth, and covering up social / illegal trails, all along the entire trail.

HIKE WITH JESSE: February 20 at 10am - Cinder Cone Trail CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER 3 inches of snow that morning

DONS COMMS • Shout out for everyone that worked on Jenny's Trail in January • Seasonal closure of Johnson Canyon for Monday, March 16 at 9:00am • Spring Break coverage in the Park from Mid-March through Mid-April. Spring Break for Washington County will be March 9th-16th. He is asking for everyone to try and put in a few extra hours