

Sunrise Trail Coalition
Tuesday, 08/01/177
Minutes

- Ian Staub
 - Steve Rees
 - Sandy Johnson
 - Carol Cuddy
 - Jen Boothroyd
 - Jim Fisher
 - Charles Corliss
 - Crystal Hitchings
 - Polly Ceckler
 - Bill Ceckler
 - Charlie Robinson
 - Andy Gallant
 - Gerry Nasberg
 - Rich Bard
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- The meeting came to order at 12:03. There were sufficient directors in attendance for a quorum.
 - The commentary and approval of the 7-18-17 meeting minutes was postponed until the next meeting.
 - Carol Cuddy gave an update on finances.
 - There was \$1,060 taken in at the relay
 - \$3,760 has been collected from the sale of raffle tickets.
 - \$635 that has come in for memberships.
 - Carol will get a total of mailing expenses that were incurred for the membership renewal mailing.
 - The Wallace Tents invoice from the relay has been paid.
 - The Frost Septic invoice has been received and will be paid.
 - The revenue from the relay was down, even though the number of runners was up from last year.
 - Charlie Corliss gave the trail manager's report:
 - Grading on the trail from Jonesboro Station to Ayers Jct. has been completed
 - There is lots of activity this summer
 - Calcium was re-applied in Machias, and Charlie will recommend it for the new section of trail in Ellsworth too.
 - New posts have been put up.
 - Steve Rees reported that Hannaford in Machias is interested in making an honor donation and is interested in increasing it to have an engraved plaque or bench placed along the trail.
 - Carol will find out how much this has cost in the past.
 - Cost, location, and other specifics to come
 - Rich Bard from Downeast Coastal Conservancy introduced himself and his organization, emphasizing that he's like to remain involved with the Coalition going forward.
 - The DECC is building a new parking lot adjacent to the Trail in Whitneyville. The lot is on town-owned land and is big enough for vehicles with ATV trailers. The permitting is underway, and the project is expected to go out to bid during the week of August 7th. Funding for the project is coming from DECC, the Recreational Trails program, and others.

- Steve offered that the Coalition has some money that could be contributed to the project if needed.
- Discussion of Bylaws
 - Steve stated that according to his research, the Coalition's bylaws were last adopted on October 25, 2010.
 - The bylaws state that the board is divided into classes
 - A change in board members must be apportioned to the classes.
 - Steve asked that the Coalition solicit nominations for board members and officers for the September meeting of the Coalition.
 - If not enough nominations are obtained, the Coalition should amend the bylaws at the annual meeting to reflect the appropriate number of members in each class.
 - Ian Staub asked whether the Coalition could transition into a model that doesn't require a president. Steve believes that, as a registered non-profit, the coalition needs to follow corporation guidelines.
- Future of the Coalition
 - What is the role?
 - To promote/plan events?
 - Conduit for information?
 - Advocate for all uses?
 - How will the role of the Coalition change if Charlie Corliss departs from his position?
- Gerry Nasberg offered to serve as treasurer of the Coalition
 - Bill Ceckler moved to approve
 - Charlie Robinson seconded motion
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Crystal Hitchings and Jen Boothroyd will team up to serve as recording secretary for meetings
- The Coalition's annual meeting will be held in late October
- Next meeting will be Tuesday August 29th at 12:00 noon at Cherryfield Academy.
- The September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26th at 12:00 noon at Bluebird Restaurant in Machias.