

Sunrise Trail Coalition Meeting

08/29/2017

Cherryfield Academy

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ray Archer, Jen Boothroyd, Bill Ceckler, Polly Ceckler, Charlie Corliss, Carol Cuddy, Jim Fisher, Andy Gallant, Crystal Hitchings, Sandy Johnson, Joe McPhail, Stephen Rees, Charlie Robinson, Ian Staub (phone)

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M.

- Motion to approve the minutes from July 18 meeting.
 - Approved
- Motion to approve the minutes from August 1 meeting.
 - Approved

Financial Report – presented by Carol Cuddy

- Bank Balance: \$21,487.90
- Total Income: \$4,905.83
 - \$125 from dues
 - \$3,690 from raffle ticket sales
 - \$1,060 from the relay
 - \$30 from hat sales
 - \$0.83 interest
- Total Expenses: \$1,282.21
 - \$108 for mailbox rental
 - \$143.16 to Frost Septic for Porta Potties
 - \$107.61 for printing
 - \$89.06 reimbursement to Carol Cuddy for mailing expenses
 - \$248.88 to Cherryfield Embroidery for hats
 - \$480 to Wallace Events for tent
 - \$105.50 to Sierra Signs for trail signs
- Box Car Grant Fund Balance: \$5,643.27
- Bangor Savings Bank Fund Balance: \$1,000.00

- Carol reported that net financial gain of the membership mailing was \$313.33.
- The group noted that the expense of the tent rental for the relay event was nearly half of what the event brought in, and was more than necessary. In the future, the Coalition may buy or borrow canopies for such events.

- In response to the inquiry brought up at the last meeting about a memorial bench, Carol reported that the cost of Brennan's bench was \$1,453. Steve will follow up with Hannaford in Machias to provide this information and discuss their options.

Manager's Report

- Go Carts are allowed on the trail as long as they are registered as ATVs, and can be operated by a user 10-16 years old that has completed a safety course and is accompanied by an adult.
- Joe McPhail, representing Eastern Trail Riders, noted that ATV and Snowmobile ridership is up 50% over the last few years, according to their guestbook.

Steve shared correspondence with Richard Bard of Downeast Coastal Conservancy:

- Site work will begin next week on their new parking lot. Permitting complete.
- DCC **Bad Little Trail Run** will stage from that Parking Lot on October 1st
- Most people will walk or run on the DCC River Trails
- Would the board be interested in participating in this event?
 - Monetary
 - Presence – Information table
- Request a map of the route

ATV Raffle and Friend & Friend BBQ

- Approx. \$1600 turned in today from ticket sales
- Eastern Trail Riders has \$240 to turn in
 - These funds should put us just past break-even on the ATV raffle.
- The Coalition authorized reimbursement to Charlie Corliss to have him put together an air pump package for a raffle prize.
- Steve, Carol, and Ray will be attending the BBQ on the 10th.
- Joe offered to take the ATV to the Eastport Pirate Festival the day before to promote last-minute ticket sales.
- Jen and Jim will look for the previous Sunrise Trail bumper sticker order and see about ordering some more.

Bill Ceckler and Steve met with Louis Luchini about future funding for the Sunrise Trail. The state has no money currently for resurfacing the trail, but Louie offered to keep the Coalition informed about whether the \$50,000 in funding for trail maintenance remains in the budget.

Bill spoke to Carol Woodcock in Susan Collin's office about the availability of funding for trail resurfacing. Carol recommended that the Coalition look into the following funding opportunities:

- Northern Border Regional Commission

- Community Development Block Grants
- USDA Rural Development
- Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program

Crystal will discuss these opportunities with Patrick Adams when she meets with him.

WCCOG and HCPC can assist with grant writing.

A second RR Car is coming to Machias – but will be the private property of the Beehive Collective

Scheduling Date, Time & Location for Annual Meeting in October for election of new or renewing Directors; discussion of requirements to send Notice & Proxy to Coalition members

- Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium
- October 26th 5:00 PM
- Proposed bylaw amendment
 - Allow for electronic communication for proxy instead of postal mail
 - Put names on the proxy that we have
 - Re-allocate 2018 and 2019 board members to fill some of the replacement slots.
 - Reduce the board size to work with three year rotation – six or nine member board

Current Board members whose terms are expiring 2017: John Marchese, Ian Staub, Leslie Harlow, Sandy Johnson, and Gerry Nasberg (Future treasurer);

Current Board members whose terms will expire 2018: Bill Ceckler, Ray Archer, Charlie Harrington, Charlie Robinson and a vacancy (Sharon Mack resigned);

Current Board members whose terms will expire 2019: Stephen Rees, Sr., Polly Ceckler, Andy Gallant, Carol Cuddy, and Paul Markosian

Confirm September 26 Board Meeting @ Bluebird Ranch Restaurant, Machias @ Noon

- Encourage members of the Machias Chamber to attend that meeting and/or join the board
 - Sharon Mack has offered to share the information – but nobody has indicated interest
- Stephen will contact the Ellsworth Chamber to see if anyone is interested in joining
- Joe McPhail
 - Believes in the boards mission
 - Invites us to use the Dennysville Clubhouse
 - Dennysville Club meets September 15
 - Will attend the next board meeting and will let us know his decision

8. New Business

Charlie – would like for the coalition to hire carpenters

- Repair Machias
- New Kiosk for Ellsworth
 - Hancock County Jail
 - Hancock County Technical Center
 - George Stevens Academy – Jim
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- Motion: Approve funds for repair of the Machias Kiosk – approved

10. Adjournment