

**Sunrise Trail Board Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:00 – 2:00 PM**  
**Pat's Pizza, 396 High Street Ellsworth**  
**Minutes**

- **Introductions**

- Steve Rees, Andy Gallant, Polly and Bill Ceckler, Ray Archer, Ian Staub, Cindy and Bob Bachorik, Carol Cuddy, Leslie Harlow, Jim Fisher

- **Approval of Minutes for August 28, 2015**

<http://www.sunrisetrail.org/news/minutes/destmin082815.pdf>

Approved without revision

- **President's Report – Stephen Rees**

- Met with Sharon Mack, Machias Chamber Director
  1. Discussed STC withdrawal from Chamber
  2. Sharon wants to join the STC Board
  3. Assured that she would encourage businesses to join
  4. Rejoining – suggest paying \$50 memberships –approved
- Calais Extension
  1. Met with Bill Kolednicke (SP?) about extension
    1. Supports use of the rail including ATVs provided they have appropriate mufflers
      1. Andy – suggest that enforcement is used to discourage noise
      2. Signage about noise also recommended
    2. Scott and Lana – will be seeking to remove the rails and ties
      1. Using salvage for trail construction funds
      2. They would like for the coalition to organize a meeting in Calais in October for stakeholders
    3. Steve met with the John Marchese – to discuss Calais representation on the board – John agreed
      1. Want to push for a rail to trail conversion for Ayers Junction to Calais.
  2. East Coast Greenway
    1. Information could recommend a cyclist use and alternate route to get to Ayers Junction
    2. Charlotte Junction to Ayers Junction
    3. Suggesting that the ECG could follow Charlotte Road
    4. One option – short segment of the rail ROW into the refuge connecting with another trail system in the refuge
- Ellsworth Trail Completion
  1. Met this morning in Ellsworth about the Trail to Ellsworth
  2. Parties have wanted to meet for a while
  3. Decided to go ahead with the design with some modifications
  4. ½ trail will have 15' separation
  5. ½ trail will have a 5' chain link fence elevated by 1'
  6. Need to finalize permitting with DEP for wetlands and storm water impacts
  7. Surface will be crushed concrete

8. Beal Ave Terminal
  1. Discussion about safety crossing High Street
  2. No trail head facility at Beal Ave
  3. Requested a Kiosk – might be incorporated at a spur on the trail closer to the Comfort Inn
  4. There will be a public meeting in the fall in Ellsworth
9. Bill: Can Merrill Furniture provide right of way for people to get to the traffic light? (For a price)
  1. Ian noted you do not need Merrill Furniture permission to access High Street. LL bean already pays Merrill a yearly fee. Key bank does as well.
  2. If an ATV stops at LL Bean and shops and then proceeds to the traffic light to cross High Street, that is the same as a car.
  3. Permission is needed is from the landlord of the Shaws/Reny's center.
10. Crossing High Street will be a difficult except at the traffic signal between Key Bank and Reny's.
11. Jim – added that we discussed creating a Route 1 Access Trail

- **Treasurer's Report** – Ian Staub or designee

- Presented financial status
- Trying to relate some deposits to Pay Pal transfers
- Jim will meet with Steve about the Davis Grant

- **Manager's Report** – Charlie Corliss

- Two new washouts from last Sunday's storms
  1. Ruts in sections that have not been graded are eroding where water leaves the trail
  2. Hanscom Construction in Machias is the grading contractor
- Signs
  1. Sent MaineDOT (Dan Stewart) his list
    1. Signs for High Street
    2. Washington Junction
    3. Route 182 and Route 1
    4. Franklin
  2. Has not heard back from MaineDOT
  3. Set up the parking lots with posts for simple plywood kiosks
  4. MaineDOT would install the signs
- Leslie – Recommends a larger entrance / gateway at Railroad Siding Road
  1. Larger sign – logos, etc.
  2. More inviting entrance
  3. Steve – Might acknowledge participation of Friend and Friend assistance in the gateway
- New Acadia ATV Club House
  1. Would like assistance with a Vault Privy
  - 2.



- **2015 Events**

- **Friend & Friend Sunrise Trail ATV Ride/Barbecue September 27:** Andy Gallant

1. **Event planning**
    1. Have a lot of business sponsorships
      1. Smoker, Winch, smaller items
      2. Coming together really well
    2. Lunch at noon
      1. Food should be ready by 11:00 AM
      2. Raffle Drawings afterward
      3. Sunrise Trail Coalition will offer some clothing
      4. Charlie will have new trail maps
  2. **Volunteers needed**
    1. Volunteers are needed by 10:00 with more people arriving at 11:00
    2. Several board members will volunteer
- Planning 1st Annual Fall Equestrian Ride/Barbecue: Steve Rees
- **Membership** – Carol Cuddy
  - **Administrative Tasks**
    - Discussion appointment new recording Secretary and Webmaster
      1. Suggested amount - \$1,700 for 12 months
      2. Terms – monthly invoices
      3. Contract would be with Washington County Council of Governments
      4. Jim will meet with Crystal and Judy to discuss services
    - Carol Cuddy
      1. Asked whether the person hired would do the mailings also
      2. Fee for service
      - 3.
    - Discussion Washington County Council of Governments Proposal
      - 1.
  - **Planning Annual Members Meeting and Board Election**
    - Location and Date / Time
      1. October 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon
      2. Edge Center in Cherryfield
    - Determination Number Expiring Board
      1. Harrington will stay on board for 3 years
      2. Sharon Mack
      3. John Marchese
      4. Members/Nominees
    - Determination Size of Board Membership/Necessity To Amend Bylaws
  - **Long Range Initiatives**
    - Trail surface improvements – Bob Bachorik recommendations
      1. Whistlestop Trail in Farmington
        1. Had difficulty building a collaboration between bicycles and ATVs
        2. Trail was built 10 years ago
          1. Trail is still conducive to all users
          2. Very challenging process – Town meetings
        3. DOC study
          1. ½ mile concrete
          2. ½ reclaim

3. 1/2 minus gravel – held up the best
  4. Chose to do the trail in 1/2 minus gravel
  5. The hospital helped to extend the trail
  2. Schoodic Woods Bike Trails
    1. Surface similar to the ANP Carriage Roads
    2. Got the formula from the Park Service
  3. Recommend that Sunrise Trail contact Sargent for a ball park estimate for trail resurfacing
  4. Recommend that Sunrise Trail seek donors for this project
    1. Ian – we need to write more grant proposals – may want to hire a grant writer
  5. Steve – working right now on the trail extension to Calais now. Can't take this on right now.
    1. The trail surface committee can work on this
    2. Ian – haven't been able to find the money
    3. Bob is offering to chair a committee
      1. Bill Ceckler – willing to serve on the committee
      2. Ian will be leaving Maine in October for the winter
    4. Ian moves that Bob Bachorick chair the committee
      1. Ian and Bill offered to participate in the committee
      2. Bob is not a member of the board right now – Steve will check the bylaws
- Machias Station 88 Improvements – Proposed Deck and Ramp

- **Priorities for 2015**

- Vault privies - Cherryfield campsite
- Signage for parking and location of trail (see minutes)
 

Total for 30 by 24:	Left Arrow: 5	Right Arrow: 5	Straight Arrow:
Total for 60 by 24:	Left Arrow: 14	Right Arrow: 15	Straight Arrow: 2
- Picnic tables/shelters
- Town line signs

- **Smaller items**

- Brochure Dispensers
  1. Jim gave two more boxes to Charlie Corliss
  2. Charlie will install them
- Bicycle Racks for Machias and Other location



- **Trail Impact Study** – tabled for discussion with Jim and Steve

- **Winter 2016 Events**

- Planning 2nd Annual Cross Country Ski Day

## STC Treasurers Report as of 9/17/15

Bank Balance as of 8/31/15:	\$23,254.60
(includes two PayPal deposits \$43.09 & \$38.23)	
Deposit (dues):	340.00
Bank Balance as of 9/17/15:	\$23,594.60

Bills Paid on 9/17/15:	
Bangor Letter Shop:	\$79.26
Ray Plumbing Co.	\$105.00

Account Balances:	
Grant Fund Carry Over:	\$5,643.27
BSB Grant:	1,000.00
Trail Survey Grant Balance:	4,115.79 (need Jim Fisher's Billable Hours)
General Fund Balance:	\$12,835.54

The following Paypal deposits have not appeared on a BHBT statement:

6/16/15: Margaret Fenwick:	\$20.00
7/28/15: Eric Boberg:	\$25.00
8/7/15: Gary Allen:	\$25.00
Total:	\$70.00