

Sunrise Trail Coalition
9/24/2008
Downeast RC&D – Cherryfield

Attending: Sally Jacobs, Cathy and Bill Attic, Sandy Johnson, Gary Edwards, Pam and John Ashmore, Jim Fisher, Tim Tunney, Charlie Corliss, Bill Ceckler, Julian Wiggins, Scott Ramsey, Dave Rodrigues, Polly Ceckler, Kathleen Shannon, Jerome Gabrielson

Minutes from Prior Meeting:

- John Ashmore – Ham radios use repeaters.
- Minutes adopted

Treasurers Report – Prepared by Eleody Libby and read by Tim Tunney

Total Funds - \$13,029

Grants:

- Rails to Trails: \$2,140.77
- Norcross: \$139.44
- Rails to Trails: \$4,500.00

Members 82, 7 new

Budget – Discussion by Tim Tunney

Started sketching a draft budget, identifying sources of revenues and expenses

Revenues

Fundraising
Memberships
Advertising
Grants

Expenses

Newsletter
Publicity and Promotion
Special Events
Supplies
Mapping
Website
Miscellaneous

Sally – Three concerns

- Database management (contacts and membership)
- Book keeping / Treasury
- Web Page maintenance

Website

Jim will create a blog page for the trail

Bill – asked how to staff these three tasks
He knows one person who might do this part time.

Jim – suggest that Tim continue the budgetary process and see whether funds can be identified to pay for book-keeping support.

Huh? Sally, Maggie, Jim and Jeremy

Managers Report

34 miles of track removed
18 miles have been graded

Many culverts have been
18 – 30 loads of railroad ties have been removed – many to the Old Town land fill.

Graveling should start next week- can cover about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles per day.
Several Bridges have had deck replacements
Several other bridges under renovation

Monday – will start back west from Whitneyville. Hope to reach Columbia Falls this autumn.
Beavers continue to create wetlands.
Hurricane Hannah – caused five or six washouts

Want to put up signs soon.

Ellsworth Section

Jim – added information about the Ellsworth Section

Met with Dan Stewart and Ellsworth planners Tuesday, Sep. 23

Dan is hoping to move ahead with the Ellsworth trail sections next year

- RFP for rail with trail – Washington Junction to MCF, MCF to Ellsworth High School
- Coordinating this with the Safe Routes to Schools proposal

Advisory Committee Formation

Role of STC

- Support Sunrise Trail – organize volunteers, plan events
- Trail ambassadors
 - Schools have contacted Charlie – wanting to have cross country practice on them
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- Fundraising
- Newsletter

- Webpage
- Provide Communication to Towns
- Lobby state, county and towns for trail support
 - Hancock County has some road maintenance equipment that might be used

Representatives for the Advisory Committee

Need to represent modes

DOC has notified towns, rider groups, law enforcement, etc.

(Note that the Dennysville address changed to PO Box 70)

Planning quarterly meetings (less if possible)

Some meetings will have particular themes, such as enforcement that will invite particular importance.

- Bill Attie – residents of Dennysville are concerned about reimbursement for emergency response
- David Rodrigues – we can discuss this tonight.
- Chuck Simpson – might form a law enforcement subcommittee.
- Speed limits are not proposed for this trail. People are expected to travel at a safe and prudent speed. If problems occur, the committee can draft new policies and encourage additional enforcement.

Promotion

Brochure

Web page

Department of Conservation is upgrading their website for destinations in Maine, including trails on public lands. Supervised by Gary Best at DOC.

- The webpage will include trail maps, campsites, etc.
- A grant was received to create pages for specific destinations

Representation on the Advisory Committee

Bill Ceckler – nominates Sally Jacobs as our representative for the Advisory Committee, Jim Fisher Seconds, Polly Ceckler Thirds. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Planning for the Annual Meeting

Nominations

- need to form a nominating committee
- Bill Ceckler, Charlie Corliss, John Ashmore, Tim Tunney – will communicate by email

Press release

- Sally will send Jim the details of the annual meeting

- Jim Fisher will send a press release to the papers as soon as Sally provides content to him. He will send it to Jerome for release to the Washington County news contacts
- Wednesday October 22nd 11:00 – 2:00 PM (Lunch at 12:30)
 - o Meet at the box car – walk on the Down East Sunrise Trail
 - o Go to Bluebird Restaurant for a lunch meeting
 - o Slide presentation by Charlie Corliss
 - o Election of Officers

- (Jim – plan to bring a screen)

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Mapping Project

Torra at UMM collected information on places to see along the trail at the UMM conference
She proposed to make maps indicating these locations as well as businesses.
Sally will contact Torra of an update

Rail station and box car

Kathleen –
Historic preservation grant – was not funded
The proposal was forwarded to Maine Community Foundation
Submitted a bigger grant to the MaineDOT enhancement program
Also seeking a grant for windows from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust.

Scott Ramsey

- Suggest that STC apply for an RTC grant..