

Sunrise Trail Coalition Board of Directors
Tuesday October 7, 2014 - 1:00 – 3:30 PM
Minutes

Edge Building, Maine Sea Coast Mission, Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield, ME

Attending: Stephen Rees, Sandy Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Ian, Bill Ceckler, Charlie Corliss, Ray Archer, Leslie Harlow, Charlie Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Dave Wood, Gerry Nasberg, Bob Bachorik, Charlie Harrington, others ...

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Confirm Meeting Notice - Confirmed
- Roll call of Directors - Complete
- Establish Quorum – quorum requirement met
- Confirm Proxies Voted On-line or Mailed
- Determine Quorum of Directors and Membership
- Approve October 7, 2013 Annual Members' Meeting Minutes
- Election of 2014-2017 Directors
- Present Nominees for Election to 3 Year Term(2015-2017); Call for additional Nominations
 - Thanks to Leslie Harlow, Gerry Nasburg and
- Close Nominations; Call for delivery any additional Proxies and Ballots
 - No nominations were offered from the floor
 - Nominations closed and the three candidates are elected
- Appoint person to tabulate and report Election Results
 - Results tabulated – all nominees won unanimous support
- Announce Election Results
- Adjourn

Organizational Board Meeting

- **Executive Board Nominations**
 - Stephen Rees – Served last year as President. Willing to continue as the President
 - Bill Ceckler – served last year as Vice President. Willing to continue as VP
 - Treasurer – served last year as Treasurer. Willing to continue as Treasurer.
 - Secretary – Jim Fisher – will continue working with the Sunrise Trail as possible
- **Future Meetings**
 - When should meetings be held?
 - What is the most convenient time – morning, afternoon, evening?
 - Frequency of meetings – monthly or bimonthly

- Stephen Rees, Ian Staub and Charlie Robinson are planning to be away several months this winter
- Charlie Corliss – does not foresee a specific need for board meeting this winter
- Leslie – have more free time in the winter than the summer for meetings. July and August are more difficult.
- Gerry – Tuesdays are good. Afternoons are also preferable.
- Andy – Tuesday-Thursday is better, afternoons work
- Charlie Harrington – just need to schedule it well ahead
- Prefer to set a particular day of the month
 - Plan to meet the second Tuesdays 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Next meeting – called by Bill Ceckler on the second Tuesday in January 13, 2014
 - Location: HCPC or some other location in Ellsworth
- Following meeting: Machias – possibly on April
- What are the best locations?
 - Benefits of moving the meeting to different locations along the trail
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Organizational Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

- Review of September Minutes – Available Online ([Click Here](#))
 - Approved as submitted
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- Officer Reports
 - President's Report – Stephen Rees
 - Printer problems precluded bringing report – will send it in writing to Jim later
 - Notes
 - Have had good board participation
 - Trail events
 - August Dedication ceremony for Sally Jacobs in Machias
 - Good attendance
 - Family appreciated the turnout
 - August – Installation of Potter Memorial at Card Crossing in Franklin
 - July – First inaugural marathon
 - Staggered starting times
 - Teams enjoyed a lobster feast
 - There were no injuries or incidents
 - October – Charity Ride
 - Weather cleared and people enjoyed the event

- Friend and Friends are giving STC the proceeds
 - Stephen – propose that the board consider enacting a restriction on funds received for the trail from the event
 - Funds used for the trail will go into projects with visible recognition of the donors
 - Eg. picnic tables would have a plaque or sign recognizing the contributors
 - The board concurs
 - East Coast Grown Greenway
 - Report from the board
 - We get a lot of recognition
 - They are encouraging completion of the ECG through Maine
 - November – Will attend the semi-annual meeting in Charleston, SC
 - Friday – social and riding
 - Saturday – regional meetings and reports
 - Sunday – board of trustees
 - Last Friday – met with provincial Government and trans-Canada trail
 - They want to adopt a vision that covers both nations
 - Linear park connecting Acadia to Fundy
 - Scott Ramsay at MaineDOC
 - Expressed interest in completing the trail to Ellsworth and Calais
 - The extension discussion to St. Stephen and New Brunswick ultimately to Nova Scotia
 - The international connection may be an added
 - Stephen may be travelling back this winter for meetings about this extension
- Treasurer’s Report – Ian Staub
 - Ian will email the report to me
 - Last page
 - Trail survey – hourly rates
 - Labor cost \$1,105.38
 - Supplies – three cameras
 - Motion to pay HCPC for expenses
 - Approved
 - Proposed 2015 budget
 - See attached
 - Ian – propose that we consider a modest stipend for Stephen’s travel

- Stephen
 - Running low on hats
 - Running out of sweatshirts other than XXL and XXXL
 - We have t-shirts
 - Decision to purchase long sleeve t-shirts
- Propose adding \$1,500 to expenses
- Fulfillment - Margaret Robinson – volunteered to help with fulfillment
 - Jim will set up a sample webpage for sales – similar to our membership page
- Ian and Charlie will put together and order
 - Pass along pricing information to the board along with recommended prices and shipping fees
- Stephen reported that Friend and Friend presented a check \$1,245
 - Funds will be restricted so that there is attribution to Friend and Friend
 - Will budget \$1,200 for Friend and Friend for next year’s budget
- Charlie – want to consider more funding for privy’s
 - Riders are concerned about finding privies
 - Location
 - Route 183 – Would be a good site
 - Cherryfield Stretch – Will remove the privy at the end of October
- Leslie – we may want to pursue corporate sponsorships
 - Including – branding the privies
 - Other projects might also draw corporate sponsors
 - Charlie Robinson noted that he has worked very hard looking for business sponsorships – he has found three so far
 - Stephen – we will continue this discussion and hope that a trail head in Ellsworth will attract more sponsorships
- Revised figures presented
- Treasurers Report – Accepted
- Manager’s Report – Charlie Corliss
 - Trail Extension
 - Dan Stewart – has returned to MaineDOT and will be assigned to work on the trail extension project
 - DOT is handing the extension over to DOC
 - DOC will put the design process out to bid
 - Requires some engineering – culverts
 - Need to manage some wetland impacts
 - Charlie, Dan and someone from DEP will start permitting process
 - Engineering firm would work through the winter

- Trail Design
 - Fabric – gravel and final surface would be installed
 - Believe that
- UMM Intern will be working 15 hours per month for DOC-Sunrise Trail
 - Morgan Look
 - Her advisor is Tora Johnson
- Will not need to pay for a privy in Dennysville
 - Bathroom at the ATV Club has opened
 - Will remove our privy at that location
- Washington Junction
 - Piles of Debris are gone
 - Acadia ATV club owns the property
 - They are working on design of the club house
- Work plan
 - Use of residual funds
 - Removing rails at Willie District Road, Web District Road
 - Need to replace a culvert between Cherryfield and Steuben – culvert is filled in
 - Harrington – need a culvert as well
 - Beaver sites haven't been very active, but will be when it rains
 - Plugged culvert, cage, everything
 - Will need an excavator
 - Drained a beaver area that affected a waterfowl area
- Trail surface – Hancock and Franklin
 - Trail is rough
 - Rocks are locked into the surface – fines are blowing away
 - Not sure how to fix it without adding more surface material
- Crushed concrete section – became more dusty after grading

Stephen

- Before we adjourn want to thank David Wood for his and Maggie's service on the board these many years
 - Maggie is still volunteering to assist with mailings
 - Dave – questions
 - Signage to reach the trail from Ellsworth
 - Membership – Thanks to Carol for her hard work on membership
 - Charlie Harrington's second mailing had a big response
 - We need to do a fall mailing for 2015 membership
 - Final war story
 - Attended the first annual meeting in Machias at the Pellon Center
 - Someone predicted that Charlie Corliss would talk about the beavers. He did.