2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE SUNRISE TRAIL COALITION
GRAND OPENING OF EASTERN 32 MILES OF THE
DOWN EAST SUNRISE TRAIL

11:00, Wednesday, October 28, 2009 Lee/Pellon Event Center, Machias

Present: Bill Ceckler, Polly Ceckler, Charlie Corliss, Jim Fisher, Betsy Fitzgerald, Sally Jacobs, Jay Johnson, Sandy Johnson Scott Ramsay, Dave Wood, Maggie Warren, John Balicki, Gail Peters, Wayne Peters, Katherine Cassidy, Dan Stewart, Senator Kevin Raye, Commissioner Pat McGowan, Commissioner David Cole, Jacob van de Sande, Jonathan Ramsdell, (*Secretary pro tem),* Eliza Townsend, Jean Carville, Woody Carville, Emily Bean. Skip Varney, Stephen Richardson, Wardens, Steve Rees, Linda Rees. Rep Burns, Rep McFadden, Brian Bronson, Gary Dowling, James Weston, Darrel Bostow, June Gregory, Joe McPhail, Kathleen Shannon, Warren Gay, Kathy Mazzuchelli,Bill Eckart, Mary Jane Ackley, Mick Rogers, Erik Walling, David Rodrigues, Leo Bouchard, Frances Dow, Keith A. Pennell, Sr., Robert B. Gardiner, Jef Fitzgerald, Ruth Leubecker, Dave Burns, Wayde Carter, Richard Moore, Jon Holloman, Ellen Sidar.

President Bill Ceckler welcomed newcomers. A sign-in-sheet was circulated

1. Minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting were circulated and accepted. Unanimous
2. Treasurer's Report: $6,688.21 in grants account
   $7,857.30 in general fund
   Paid Members 129
   Report Accepted unanimously

3. The following people were presented by the Nominating Committee for reappointment and as new members of the board.
   a. Nomination of present board members to be re-appointed:
      Bill Ceckler Sally Jacobs, Eleody Libby, Stephanie Clement
   b. Nomination of new board Members to Class of 2012:
      Gail Peters, Katherine Cassidy

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary cast one ballot for the nominees presented. Accepted unanimously.

4. Nomination of Officers.
   -Bill Ceckler, President
   -Stephanie Clement, Secretary
   -Dave Wood, Treasure -Sally Jacobs, Events Coordinator

The slate was accepted unanimously.
Board Members now are:
Class of 2011 includes: David Whitney, Sandra Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Jef Fitzgerald, and David Wood
Class of 2010 includes: Bill Cherry, Jacob Van de Sande, Polly Ceckler, Tim Tunney, Kathleen Shannon
Class of 2012 includes: Sally Jacobs, Bill Ceckler, Eleody Libby, Stephanie Clement, Katherine Cassidy and Gail Peters

5. Discussion was held on whether to seek East Coast Greenway designation for the Ayres Junction to Whitneyville section of the Downeast Sunrise Trail. The East Coast Greenway (ECG) is a 2800-mile trail which runs from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine. Down East Sunrise Trail could be the longest off-road section. Designation would mean that DEST would be included in ECG publicity, we would put its sign on our banner and mount signs along the trail. The East Coast Greenway would follow the DEST Ridge Road before Ayers Junction and divert there to continue to Calais.
   Permission was granted by MDOC to designate all of the DEST as ECG as the segments are completed, rather than come back for a vote on individual segments.
   Vote to accept designation passed unanimously. Sally will complete arrangements to get official letter from MDOC to send to ECG Eric Weiss for a vote early November by ECG Board.

6. The brochures from Dan Stewart at MeDOT has Parking lots marked and directions on how to get there. New large maps of the entire DEST were provided for the kiosk.

7. There will be a Newsletter Meeting on Thursday, November 19 at the Hancock County Planning Commission office in Ellsworth Falls.

8. The meeting was adjourned and the Grand Opening commenced with a welcome from Betsy Fitzgerald, Machias Town Manager, comments from MDOC Commissioner Pat McGowan, MEDOT Commissioner David Cole, Senator Kevin Ray, Manager Charlie Corliss,and STC President Bill Ceckler. The ribbon across the trail was cut. Sally Jacobs was allowed to be the first to ride a bike across the entrance line. A delicious potluck lunch was provided by members of the Sunrise Trail Coalition, plus pies from the Bluebird Ranch Restaurant and Helen's Restaurant, and vegetable trays from Hannaford's.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Ramsdell and Sally Jacobs, (*Secretaries pro tem)*