

SUNRISE TRAIL COALITION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 16, 2018 @NOON
Pat's Pizza Restaurant, Ellsworth, ME

MINUTES

1. Roll Call of Directors and Quorum Determination; Welcome Members and Public
 - Quorum met
 - Present: Steve Rees, Charlie Corliss, Polly Ceckler, Bill Ceckler, Ian Staub (phone), Gerry Nasburg, Sandy Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Crystal Hitchings, Anne Krieg
2. Approve October 25, 2017 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes – unanimously approved as submitted, with no changes
3. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer, Gerry Nasberg - \$25,004.12 in bank today. Gerry will file state and federal reports. The group agreed to become a member of the Frenchman's Bay Conservancy. Report accepted as presented.
4. President's Report – Steve Rees – Newsletter and dues solicitation needs to be completed. Crystal and Anne will help with layout, Carol will update the membership list and share with Crystal, Carol and Sandy will write thank-you letters. Crystal, Anne, Charlie, and Steve will meet soon to design the newsletter, and the new brochure, which is in need of updating. Crystal and Anne will talk with Patrick Adams at MaineDOT about helping.
5. Trail Mgr.'s Report- Charlie Corliss – Kiosk in Machias ready to be replaced, needs landscaping. Crystal will talk with MDOT regarding public bike repair station and landscape design assistance. Ellsworth Kiosk parts are cut, looking for a spot to locate in Ellsworth. Comfort Inn may donate a small section of their property for signage adjacent to the trail, something visible from the main street would be best. Smaller kiosks were put on hold due to staffing issues. Dennyville and Whitneyville could be good locations for these smaller kiosks.

Discussion about parking and signage in Franklin. Charlie C. will talk with the State about building a parking lot.

Charlie will talk to Patrick again about MDOT assistance with strip informational signs. Otherwise, Bangor Savings Bank funds could be used. New estimates in April.

Worst of the winter storm damage is repaired, still several to fix. Lost 5-6" of trail near Chandler River. Maintenance contract ends June, will put out to bid again. Grading contract approved, even though over \$50K already spent. Washington Junction to Gouldsboro Station will be grade this year.

Charlie discussed the grading test sites. Bill noted that the 1" rocks are hardest for bicyclists to maneuver, but Charlie noted that what is beneath all these rock will continue rising to the surface. Near Schoodic Bog, the original rail bed surface is exposed. Blending the base and surface materials may help stabilize the trail, but the fabric is torn and crushed stone is coming out.

Not much trail grooming or snowmobile traffic this past winter due to snow conditions.

Regional ATV groups are meeting to update the ATV maps – the Board agreed to renew the Sunrise Trail advertisement.

Charlie recommended making a donation of \$200 to Jasper Carter for plowing at Washington Junction;

the Board agreed.

Resurfacing was discussed. The Coalition should meet with the new Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge manager and people from Calais to discuss issues around a possible rail bed trail extension. Charlie thought the Sunrise Trail Coalition and the East Coast Greenway could potentially bring the new ATV trail extension up to biking trail standards. ATV and snowmobile clubs are also working to improve some trail surfaces. Charlie will bring a map in April.

Website – needs updating and needs to be more versatile for administrators. Anne will talk to Fred/MDOT regarding her ability to work on the website under current MDOT contract. Word Press should be explored, it's easy and inexpensive and Anne and Crystal can help.

6. Submission of Proposal to MDOT For Special Planning Project/Long Range Maintenance, Management & Funding Plan And Multi-Use Surface Upgrades Prioritization-Anne Krieg, HCPC Planner & Crystal Hitchings, WCCOC Regional Planner

- See draft dated March 16, 2018. Charlie Corliss recommended meeting in person with the Department of Conservation prior to submitting any proposal to MaineDOT, the group will try to meet with them in early April.

7. Participation (Coalition Booth @Public Library 11 am-2:30 pm) at May 10. 2018 Ellsworth Green Plan Subcommittee Walk ability/Bike ability event

- The group agreed participation was relevant.

8. Participation (Coalition booth@ Sticks, Picks & Strings) Cherryfield Summer Music Festival

- Steve will bring more information on this event to the April meeting.

9. Old Business

9.1 Fill 2018 & 2019 Term Board vacancies(See NOTE below)

- Current Board members whose terms will expire 2018: Bill Ceckler, Vice-President, Ray Archer, Charlie Harrington, Charlie Robinson and a vacancy (Sharon Mack resigned);
- Current Board members whose terms will expire 2019: Stephen Rees, Sr., President, Polly Ceckler, Carol Cuddy, Paul Markosian and a vacancy (Andy Gallant resigned).
- Current Board members whose terms will expire 2020: Gerry Nasberg, Treasurer, Crystal Hitchings, Secretary, Ian Staub, Jim Fischer and Joey McPhail
- Sandy will fill the remainder of Sharon Mack's 2018 term. Steve will check with Friend and Friend for a replacement for Andy. A Machias area rep is needed. Charlie will talk to Gary Dowling of the Downeast Trail Riders. Crystal will check with Downeast Coastal Conservancy.

10. New Business - Steve would like Crow Athletics to conduct an Iron Man run in fall 2018, from Calais to Ellsworth. Will the Calais business community get behind this? Crystal will check with Judy.

11. Discussion future dates, times and locations for April thru October 2018 Board meetings

- April 19th at the Dennysville ATV clubhouse, 3-5 pm.
- May 24th, at the Franklin Town Hall, 4pm? (Crystal will call)
- June will be in Calais, location TBD, talk to Paul Marcosian

12. Adjournment @ 2:20pm