

SUNRISE TRAIL COALITION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
January 12, 2016 @NOON  
Pat's Pizza Restaurant  
Ellsworth, ME

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Directors and Quorum determination; Welcome Members and other attendees; distribution of Meeting sign-in sheet.

Steve Reese, Bill Ceckler, Gerry Nasberg, Crystal Hitchings, Carol Cuddy, Sandy Johnson, Polly Ceckler, Leslie Harlow, Ray Archer, Andy Gallant

2. Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2015 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
- of November 16, 2015 Board of Directors' Organizational Meeting
  - of November 16, 2015 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

Approved by acclimation, as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report- Prepared and submitted by Ian Staub, presented by Carol Cuddy

Following is the Treasurers Report as of 1/12/16.

Bank Balance as of 12/30/15:	\$20,086.96
Dues:	1,290.73 (includes checks and paypal). Some checks not mailed to Carol (\$125.00).
Total:	\$21,377.69

Bills paid since last meeting:

Crystal Hitchings:	417.17
Staples:	45.09
USPS for stamps:	147.00
Wash Jct Potty	65.00
Total:	674.26

Adjusted Bank Balance:	\$20,703.43
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Bills to be paid:

Bangor Letter Shop:	390.01
Ellsworth C of C	149.00 (mailed to Carol)

Account Balances:

Grant Fund Carry Over:	\$5,643.27
BSB Grant (unrestricted):	1,000.00
General Fund Balance:	14,060.16

Highlights regarding dues collection:

Pay Pal:	\$425.73
Helen's Restaurant of Machias:	250.00

G.J. Farren, DMD: 150.00

Respectfully submitted

Ian J. Staub

1/9/16

- Need approval for Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce membership – (Paid \$145 last year.) Discussed tangible benefits of membership with Ellsworth COC, and ways in which STC can utilize their services by playing more pro-active role, such as in coordination & brochure supply. Extension of trail into Ellsworth makes it even more worthwhile.
- Dues – two large business payments came in. Sandy will send thank-you's.
- Thank you to Carol for work on the newsletter and treasurer's report.
- Acceptance of Treasurer's Report as submitted.

4. Trail Mgr's Report- Charlie Corliss

- None submitted, Charlie absent today.

5. Committee Reports:

Fall Membership Renewal: Carol Cuddy, Chair

- Nothing new to report from Carol

Trail Surface Issues & Facilities: Ian Staub, Chair

- None submitted, Ian absent today.

Ellsworth Extension Status: Charlie Corliss, Trail Mgr.

- As of last report, not yet done with permitting, not ready to go forward with outbid or public meeting. No additional new information from the State at this time.

6. Planning Winter February 13, 2016 Cross-Country Ski event

Committee Report: Bill Ceckler

Committee met this AM. The event is planned from 10-12 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a joint effort with Sunrise Trail Coalition, Frenchman Bay Conservancy and East Coast Greenway, and part of Great Maine Outdoor Weekend. Will be advertised on GMOW website, also created a STC brochure. Bill spoke with Charlie Corliss yesterday. Tour will be from Washington Junction to High Street – 2 miles. Charlie met with Ellsworth Snowmobile Association, who will groom the trail. If not enough snow to cover the rails for grooming, the tour will go in the other direction, away from Ellsworth. May have 3 groups based on skill levels. Will have a group skiing with beginners. Everyone goes at their own pace, Charlie C. will sweep the route at 12 on his snowmobile to insure everyone is safe/done. Eileen Bator with FBC is creating the brochure, taking pre-registrations. ECG has insurance, and are adding this to their Events Insurance. Have to make application to Dept. of Conservation for the event. DOC needs certificate of liability, Molly Henry will send a copy of this from the ECG, Bill will forward to DOC. Molly contacted Paul Marcosian at Flex It Bakery to provide refreshments. Expecting roughly 30 people. Made arrangement with Cadillac Mountain Sports for ski/snowshoe rentals (\$15/package if involved in event). Even if there is no snow, hiking will still go on. Registration tent and information at the event, Molly bringing ECG tent, FBC bringing theirs.

This partnership with STC, ECG & FBC is strong. Need volunteers! Start at 8:30 AM for setup. Talking about having a bonfire, just can't have nails in the wood. Bill will contact box company about wood waste. Eileen is looking into the fire permit. Start fire around 11:15 so it will be ready by noon for enjoying warmth and refreshments. Pre-event information gathering (using Charlie's bullhorn!) Suggest people come to Pat's for lunch afterward (meeting room is available.)

Media: Charlie will put notice on DST Facebook page. Need to get info into the website (Jen B. will upload the poster and event info). FBC & ECG Facebook and websites, also in ECG monthly newsletter, also on GMOW website and Facebook. Fliers in Ellsworth City Hall, Library, a number of Ellsworth businesses. Will contact the Downeast Outing Club, Penobscot Ski Club, various ski and athletics shops. Ellsworth American, Bar Harbor Times, Bangor Daily News, public TV station, radio, and try to contact Bill Greene, Aislinn Sarnacki (BDN). Eileen is creating a press release for the newspapers. Would be good to have photos of the event in the papers and follow-up article. Want to get good participation from Ellsworth residents.

Outreach: Contact schools, YMCA, Healthy Acadia, Moore Center, Boy Scouts, City Hall, Early Learning Center. GMOW has a small grant for getting youth involved. This event did not receive one (Eileen applied), but may be a good possibility for the future.

Can we get volunteers from the STC membership, also working with FBC membership? Carol will email to membership the brochure from Eileen RE pre-registration, volunteers, and also to remind them of the event.

Great job to the Planning Committee! Will finish planning via telephone, coordinate with Charlie C., no meeting necessary.

## 7. Old Business

Update Train Depot Restoration Cherryfield: Steve Rees

- Elevation and foundation completed successfully. Steve will talk with Kathy about timeline of restoration and secure space inside building for DST information.

Update Train Depot Restoration Machias: Sharon Mack

- No new report from Sharon, who is absent today. Last report, occupancy permit issued.

Status Completion Trail Users Survey

- Jim Fisher is working on this from Columbia, South America. Need to provide a final grant report to the Davis Foundation. Jim is responsive to emails at his Gmail account.
- Website: Bill Ceckler – website is tightly tied to HCPC computer system. Would be most efficient for Jen B. to maintain the website. She can spend a small amount of time on this project if it comes ready to post. There was no posting of trail report after the snow.

## 8. New Business

Trail Extension to Calais Status: Charlie Corliss & John Marchese

- Neither Charlie or John are present to report on coordination between ATV, snowmobile, and proposal to utilize rail through the Moosehorn.
- Polly – minutes should be sent to updated membership list.

Next Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February – the 16<sup>th</sup> in Milbridge 12-2

9. Adjournment @ 1:10