

**Sunrise Trail Board Meeting
Friday, February 14 2:00 PM
Maine Sea Coast Mission in Cherryfield
Minutes**

Attending: (Sorry I don't have the sign in sheet) Please correct this list!

Stephen Reese, Ian Staub (Phone), Jim Fisher, Arthur Tenan, Charlie Corliss, Charlie Harrington, Maggie Warren, Dave Wood,

Treasurers Report

- Received \$700 in contributions in the name of Brennan Potter, deceased 21 year old resident of Franklin
 - Obit – BDN
 - Letter of thanks – with ideas for signs or other uses of the funds
 - One year membership
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- Received a check from Bangor Savings Bank \$2,000
 - Awarded without condition
 - Will prepare a letter of thanks
- Steve provided a copy of Ian's Financial Report to Jim (secretary)
- Summary
 - General Fund Balance 2/11/13 \$1,888.09
 - Dues \$2,200.00
 - Potter Bequest \$ 700.00
 - Fund Balance after deposits \$4,808.09

President's Report

- Met with DART this month – with hope of applying for funding
- Deadline had already lapsed
- Presented the goals of the DEST
- Tony Cameron – Ellsworth Chamber Director
 - Meeting with Steve about expanding
 - Seeking additional members
- Need to prepare a list of organizations for grant applications
 - Contact Information
 - Deadlines
 - Crystal will look into opportunities
- Maggie has created a letter encouraging membership renewals
 - Need to develop a list of membership benefits
 - Will have a meeting between Dave, Maggie, Ian and Kathy to look at crafting a membership campaign
 - Maggie and Dave prepared a summary sheet with types of memberships
- Setting future meeting dates to assure a quorum

Strategic Planning

- Improving and extending the trail – Stephen, et al.

1. MaineDOT is still hoping to design the Washington Junction to Ellsworth this spring and summer
 1. Need to establish a public parking area
 1. Triangular lot
 2. Parking behind LL Beans
 3. Ian – suggest meeting with LL Bean about their interest in access to the trail
 4. Jasper's Motel would like access to the trail
 2. Options
 1. Extend walking and biking into Ellsworth
 2. Park trailers for ATV's at Washington Junction
 3. Snowmobile club has been speaking with property owners about a trail that would connect to Coldwell Diesel
 3. Action Steps
 1. Jim will meet with Ellsworth City Planning staff
 2. Contact Dan Stewart for status
 3. Invite MaineDOT project manager to a meeting
 4. Connection between Trail and Maine Sea Coast camping
 1. Mapped out a route from the trestle bridge to this property
 2. Parcel by the trestle is privately held
 1. Would they request payment for an easement
 2. Property could be deeded to the owner's two sons
 3. Alternative routes are possible if the town permits ATV use on local roads
 4. Might need to create some ATV parking near the Cherryfield Boat Ramp
2. Ayers Junction
 1. Trail from Ayers to Perry
 1. The trail has been roughed out by the Dennysville Club (Stump Jumpers)
 2. It is part of the MaineDOT ROW and has been improved
 3. Charlie – surface will need more gravel
 4. DOC decked the bridges
 5. Improvement cost \$20,000 (Charlie Corliss)
 6. Funding Sources
 1. Clubs – look for municipal grants
 2. Club contributions
 2. Trail to Calais
 1. May be new potential for rail banking the tracks to Calais
 2. Need to see whether the Moosehorn can be crossed
 1. Consult with Moosehorn Manager Bill Koleneike (SP?)
3. Trail Surface
 1. Received a number of complaints about the surface – barely bike-able in sections
 1. Road bikes don't work
 - 2.
 2. Estimating that resurfacing the trail with crushed concrete or crushed granite - \$10,000 / mile
 3. Seek to prioritize sections for improvement
 1. Each 10 mile section would cost about \$100,000
 2. 3" of material
 3. Crushed concrete –preferred surface
 4. Charlie

1. Working on a three year maintenance contract
 2. Have some accumulated funds to put out a bid package
 1. Contract general maintenance
 2. Contract for mowing
 3. Contract for rolling
 3. May be able use some of the maintenance for trail improvement
 5. Suggest forming a committee
 1. Members -Ian, Steve, Charlie, Jim, Dave, Charlie Harrington
 2. Create a priority map with locations, repairs, costs, etc.
 3. Prepare a 10 year budget for improvements
- Adding amenities to the trail (privies, picnic tables, etc) - Charlie
 - Improving directional, informational, business and interpretive signage along the trail - Jim
 - Marketing the trail – Ray Archer
 1. Promotion –
 1. ATV Maine – interested in running an article on the DEST
 2. Events
 1. Planning a ride from the Allagash all the way to Ellsworth
 2. Hoping to have a TV station cover the trip and the trail system
 1. Want to show fuel, food and lodging
 2. Want to take four days if possible
 3. Have about 10 people interested in going on the ride
 3. Financial part
 1. Potential for offering ATV trips to cruise ship operators
 4. Fund Raising Events
 1. Club rides
 2. Competitions aren't really possible
 3. Geocaching
 4. Scavenger Hunts
 5. Maine Great Outdoor Weekends
 6. High Mileage Club - ATV Maine
 7. Machias Rotary – raffling an ATV from Friend and Friend
 8. Machias Chamber – Hold a meeting on the trail using coordinates
 1. Dinner- March 29th
 2. Interest in other activities on the trail
 3. Possible playground on land next to the trail – near Pellon Center
 4. Box car re-use
 1. Seating on the roof of the box car- box lunches?
 5. Monthly events – breakfasts, hotdogs, etc.
 6. August 17and 18 – Blueberry Festival
 9. May 11 – Smolt Bolt
 10. June 15 – Celebration 250
 11. July 20 – Destination Cherryfield – July 20
 12. June or early July – Cherryfield Days
 13. Bike Maine – 9/10/13 approximately – will pass through Franklin
 14. ATV Safety Training Events
 1. Anyone can sponsor an event
 2. Sponsors often provide pizza

- Charlie Harrington
 - o Edge program stretches from Franklin through Cherryfield
 - o Education Workshops
 - Training in bike repairs, bike fit, safety
 - Stoker Kits for young riders
 - Have a stable of bikes up to 26"
 - o Letter boxing and Geocaching
 - o Interested in running some programs this spring and summer
 - o Bike Rodeo
- Building sustainable membership and business support – Stephen, Maggie
- Evaluating trail use, health and economic benefits - Jim

Sally Jacobs Memorial Planning

- Deferred until we have more board members

Announcements

Healthy Acadia – Future Mini-Grants

Community Spoke Training in Ellsworth, ~~February 28~~ March 28

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is going to be offering its “Community Spokes” training on February 28, in Ellsworth, Maine. Join us for a day of fun, learning, and planning for a more bike-and walk-friendly Maine!

The Community Spokes are people who are interested in promoting bicycle and pedestrian access and safety in Maine. They are people who work to create “Active Community Environments,” which encourage physically active lifestyles and stimulate economic vitality. Training provides community volunteers and interested professionals with more knowledge about bike/ped/trail facilities, funding, programming, and processes, as well as with the advocacy techniques that help to mobilize people in support of more walk-able and bike-able towns. Space is limited to 12, so sign up soon! For More Information, or to register for the training, please contact Jim Tasse at jim@bikemaine.org or Jim Fisher at jfisher@hcpcme.org.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013 2:00 PM HCPC or Franklin Town Office Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers