

**Sunrise Trail Coalition**  
**4/22/2014**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Stephen Rees, Ian Staub, Dave Wood, Bill Ceckler, Polly Ceckler, Hollis Hill, Sandy Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Jim Fisher, Ray Archer, Charlie Corliss

**Next meeting date: Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 2:00 – 4:00 PM HCPC**

**President's Report**

- Saw interest in trails along the East Coast
- Works a little with Dale Allen, on the national board of trustees for the ECG
- They are working on a trail similar to ours in Florida
  - They are trying to build a trail diagonally across Florida
- ECG is having their semi-annual meeting in Boston
  - Stephen is planning to attend
  - Visit website for schedule
  - Saturday is a public trails meeting
  - Sunday trustees meeting
- Visited a few ECG locations on the east coast
  - Baltimore
  - Philadelphia
  - New York
- We want to continue the effort to expand recognition of the trail on both ends
  - Ellsworth - Suggestions for increasing membership
  - Calais and Lubec – need to build more recognition
    - Bill added that Route 1 may now have shoulders all the way to Whiting. More work is needed there
    - Suggest that the DEST work on publicity in Calais, Eastport and Lubec
    - Dave – has done a bike loop in US and Canada, including ferry rides.
  - DART held a meeting in Campobello in the autumn. US and Canada are interested in coordinating marketing
- Possible writers
  - George Smith – outdoor journalist
  - Bob Duschene – BDN might also produce and article

**Treasurer's Report**

**STC Treasurers Report as of 4/22/14**

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| Bank Balance as of 3/31/14:               | \$20,733.85 |
| PayPal deposits included in bank balance: | \$43.09     |

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| PayPal deposit not included in bank balance: | \$242.75    |
| Mail deposits:                               | 45.00       |
| Total :                                      | \$21,021.60 |

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| Bills to be paid:                        |          |
| Clarke's Portable Toilets (Feb. & Mar.): | \$130.00 |
| USPS Mail Box Rental Fee:                | 58.00    |
| Total:                                   | \$123.00 |

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| Account Balances:       |            |
| Grant funds carry over: | \$5,643.27 |
| Grant for Trail Survey: | 5,000.00   |
| Potter Memorial Fund:   | 455.00     |
| Jacobs Memorial Fund:   | 255.05     |
| General Fund Balance:   | \$9,668.28 |

- General fund balance \$9,600
- Ian asked for additional information about the grants
  - Trying to establish what we can do with the grant funds
- Stephen – feels that we would need a grant modification in order to depart from the original grant purpose
- Ian called the Cherryfield Town Office
  - Porta-potty at the town office gets some use
  - They have another one that might be moved
  - Need to find out from the Selectmen
- Motion to accept treasurer's Report

### Membership Report

- Now have 271 regular members
- 58 have paid this year
- 27 business members
- Discussion of a newsletter / membership renewal letter
  - Need sufficient content
  - Will put a letter on the May Agenda
- Mid April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - ATV meeting is held in Brewer – we might want to have a table next year
  - Acadia Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Trenton Fire House – Next meeting May 21
  - Airline – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Cummings Hall – May 15

### Managers Report

- Trail is closed officially until May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Will start survey of the trail next week to check for washouts

- Renewing contracts
  - o RF Jordans will not renew at the current rate for maintenance
- Plan to grade and role 41 miles
  - o East Machias to Ayers Junction
  - o Cherryfield to Mile 5 including about ¼ mile of crushed concrete
- Some washouts are known
  - o Sacrap Road – needs another culvert to handle the water
  - o East Machias – old overflow culvert needs to be replaced
  - o Marion Township – old granite box culvert – collapsing on the end, may be reparable
- Machias Kiosk
  - o Some preparation work has been done – not sure, but think there is concrete – will confirm
- Potter Kiosk
  - o No site work has been completed
  - o Charlie will meet with family to determine the best location.
  - o Leaning to putting it near the stream
- Carol Cuddy needs to coordinate with stone works on delivery of the benches
- One special event permit will be a day and night marathon
  - o Down East Sunrise Trail Relay
  - o Crow Athletics in Bar Harbor is organizing the event
  - o Should be a big event
  - o Funds raising for the Trail
  - o Our role
    - Help publicize the event – facebook
    - Put notifications at the trail heads to let others know if is happening
  - o Recommend –
    - Steve will invite the organizer to attend the May meeting

### **Memorials**

- Carol has decided on a final design for the plaque
  - o The plaque is \$495
  - o Motion to approve expenditure – passed unanimously
- Friday August 15, 2015 3:00 PM

### **Trail Surface Committee**

- Meeting planned for Tuesday, April 29 meeting with Scott Ramsay
  - o Scott may come with others – not sure
  - o Need to fix a time
- Agenda
  - o Meeting can start at HCPC
  - o Visit Washington Junction – crushed concrete section

- Route 200 Franklin – section that is not bike-able
- Trail Condition
  - Narrow Ruts – difficult for passing
  - Loose Rocks
  - Bumpiness
- Solutions
  - Crushed Concrete appears to be the best surface
  - Cost would be \$20,000 per mile for 6” (?), \$10,000 per mile 3”
  - Other alternatives can be discussed
- Financing improvements
  - Philanthropic efforts on our behalf
  - State and Federal Grants

**Cherryfield RR Station** – Building will remain in current location

NB: Crystal sent this report by email:

I met with Kathy Upton (Cherryfield Historical Society/Destination Cherryfield), Kathy's brother Larry (Cherryfield Historical Society), and Kathy's neighbor Tim (Contractor from Cherryfield) several weeks ago at the train depot. We assessed the building together with Tim, described the desired future use of the station (train museum and visitor information center), and discussed details for needed improvements. Tim is in the process of compiling an estimate that would include all necessary aspects of stabilizing/repairing the foundation, structure, and roof of the building, installing a floor in the "addition", restoring some of the historic aspects of the structure, winterizing the building to the extent practical, installing electricity and lighting, and installing an ADA compliant restroom (with gas toilet and sanitation station) and ADA compliant entrance ramp.

Next steps include creating bringing the information forward to Destination Cherryfield, DERC&D, and Downeast Sunrise Trail. We hope for a member of both DERC&D and Downeast Sunrise Trail to volunteer to be part of the Depot Revitalization Committee. Anyone on the Downeast Sunrise Trail committee who would be interested in participating, please contact me!

Once the committee is established, we will discuss program details and begin our grant searches and planning some fundraising events. We have identified several potential grant opportunities already.

**Community Transformation Grant – is exploring a bike rack matching program**

- STC might pay 50% of cost for bike racks at a few key locations – village areas.

**Fundraising**

- Stephen – McKee Food company is planning an outdoor happiness program
  - Speaking with VP Chris McKee
  - Will be funding projects across the country
  - Maine – Considering Committing \$20,000 to Sunrise Trail
  - They want
    - Permanence

- Visibility
- Product platform
- Opportunities
  - Ellsworth Trail Head
- There will be a meeting this spring or summer – the company may

### **Trail Survey**

- Trail Counters
  - Technology options
    - Inexpensive trail counter did not work
    - Rail to Trail Conservancy
    - Cherryfield Foods or Wyman’s building
  - Human Counters
    - UMM Machias students - will Ekerdt – UMM may
    - High School Students

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