

**Sunrise Trail Coalition, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**May 13, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M.**  
**Helen's Restaurant, Machias ME**

**Minutes**

**Introductions**

**Attending:** Stephen Reese, Jim Fisher, Charlie Corliss, Charlie Harrington, Dave Wood, Ray Archer, Polly Ceckler, Bill Ceckler, Sandra Johnson, Kathy Howell

**Approval of Minutes** of April 8, 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting  
Motion for approval – approved without revision

**Treasurer's Report**- Deferred due to absence of Treasurer, Ian Staub.

No report. Ian is out of town.

Balances remain about the same.

Revenues have tapered off – next newsletter might increase contributions

**Trail Manager's Report**

Trail is open

Dust was a big problem last week

Recent rain has helped

Put out a bid for an application of calcium from Machias to East Machias

Another contract is being bid for rolling and grading – that work needs to occur first  
Cherryfield to Georges Crossing – 40 miles

AR Whitten and Sons from Winter Harbor - received the general maintenance contract

Mowing contract

- Cutting about 5 to 6 feet from each edge
- Peter Nevels from Franklin- going to mow the entire length

Friday night ran from Cherryfield to Perry

- Some leftover rails had been dragged up to the trail and left for the night.
- Charlie pushed them back into the ditch and will try to pick them up another time

Some culvert work is needed – beavers and frost heave

Communications with Dan Stewart at MaineDOT

- Discussion with Dan Stewart about mileage markers
- MDOT needs signage locations
  - o Washington Junction - Signs on Route 1
  - o Franklin Route 182 – when we have parking
  - o Sullivan – Route 183 – Sign on Route 1
  - o Cherryfield Lower Corner - Route 1 and Route 193
  - o Harrington – Irving Station
  - o See map posted to: [www.sunrisetrail.org/maps/DESTSigns051613.pdf](http://www.sunrisetrail.org/maps/DESTSigns051613.pdf) (16 MB PDF)

#### Parcels of land acquired from Bangor Hydro

- Route 183 – Tunk Lake Road parcel
  - o Some of the land is tied up in a land swaps
  - o Appraiser visited last week
  - o BHE has flagged areas that are suitable for future work
- Cherryfield site – technically Milbridge on the road to Milbridge
  - o Has rooms for six or so campsites
  - o Would block access to these campsites from Route 1
  - o Charlie Harrington has kids that are available for working the campsite

#### Discussion of Recycle Asphalt

- Life expectancy is about 5 years
- Results so far have been mixed

#### Charlie – asked about raking sections without rolling

- This would
- Group recommends not raking unless it can be rolled

#### Suggestion

- See whether we can do trial sections of about a mile with different materials
  - o Crushed Concrete – may be most affordable option
  - o Crushed Granite - costly
  - o Recycled Asphalt - costly

#### **For the Website** – 1.5”+ width or 700\*35 hybrid

#### **Presentation about Proposed Story Walk Project:** Cindy Thompson, Chairperson

- Promoting literacy from birth to adulthood
- Read 20 project – enticing kids to read
- Question – is the Sunrise Trail the best trail for this project?
- Machias High School Industrial Arts Program can construction the signs
- Timeline: Would like to have this up this summer
- Location of the signs
  - o 3 to 4’ off the edge
  - o Can be closer if the signs are removed in the winter
  - o Need to balance safety of being on trail with climbing down the bank to the sign
  - o
- Proposal
  - o Industrial Arts students will make one sign
  - o A subcommittee will meet – Cindy, Cathy, Charlie

#### **Presentation for Machias Rotary ATV Raffle:** Larry Finnegan

- Fund raiser for the Rotary
- Sold \$1,000 of tickets so far
- Sunrise Trail Coalition might be a cooperating partner
- Machine costs \$7,500

- Sunrise Trail Coalition
  - o \$1.00 – ticket
  - o Once costs are covered STC might earn \$3.00 / ticket
- Might do this annually
- Board decision
  - o We will help to promote the raffle on our website and facebook
  - o need to have a actionable information

**Sally Jacobs Memorial Update:**Sandy Johnson

1. Machias – Sunrise Trail Coalition
  - a. Bench with plaque – rough cut granite
  - b. Narrative document with photo in the kiosk
  - c. Sandy will look at benches at the granite works in Orland
2. Headwaters of Lake George – Jacobs Family
  - a. Memorial stone – natural rock with a plaque
  - b. Bench

**Charlie Harrington – Bike Rodeo Proposal**

- June 1, 2013 9:00 – 12:00
- Bike safety training, rodeo, ride
- Bringing a trailer full of bicycles
  - o Striders
  - o Roll alongs
- Workshops – for kids and parents
  - o Safety
  - o Helmets – might have some free helmets to give away
  - o Repairing flats, minor repairs
  - o Bike fit
- Jim – Contacted Jim Tasse and Nancy Grant with information and a request for their input
- Jim Fisher will promote this even on the website and facebook.

**Trail Recognition:** Yankee Magazine Best Award & Travel New England Website

- Stephen passed around the award for all to see

**Corporate/Foundation Funds Sharing with East Coast Greenway Alliance:** Steve Rees

- Need to establish protocol for fund raising to avoid competing for funds
- We would have a more natural connection with Maine or locally controlled businesses whereas the Greenway might work with national organizations
- Steve will be helping the ECG to put together a brochure for seeking corporate solicitation

**Pending Maine Legislation Update:** LD1273 Closure of Municipal Roads for Community Uses

- Municipalities looking for policies to apply uniformly to discontinued roads
- Try to avoid having the roads disappear
- Towns can vote to turn abandoned roads into recreation lands

LR1340 Revisions to Maine Bike Laws; others

- Collection of rules that BCM supports

**Committee Reports:** Membership/Donor/Sponsor brochure: Maggie Warren/Dave Wood  
Trail Surface Issues & Facilities: Steve Rees - Tabled

**Summary of Active Communities Conference:** Jim Fisher, Dave Wood

- Jim and Dave reported on the conference
- Jim and Carl Knochs presentation was well attended and appreciated

**Celebratory Events:** May Maine Bike Month

Grant Applications: CCG Bike Safety Fellowship & Bikes Belong Coalition

Discussion STC participation:

- June 15 Machias Margareta Days Festival
- June 15 Machias 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- June 29/30 Colombia Falls 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- June 29 Cherryfield Days
- July 20 Destination Cherryfield Celebration
- August 17,18 Machias Wild Blueberry Festival

Approval of Directors' requested Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred

**Scheduling Future Meetings** June, July & August Board Meeting Dates and Locations.  
- **June 6 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM– HCPC 395 State Street, Ellsworth**

**Appointment of New Directors** for Unexpired Term of Directors, Steve Salisbury & Jacob van de Sande - Tabled

**New Business**

- Received a sign application from Talbott House Inn and Gift Shop
- Have an application for a sign in the kiosk as well
  
- Met with an intern working on the Two River Project
  - o Bringing materials to the trail

**Charlie is approaching retirement age in a few weeks**

- Planning work until February – take a few months then work the balance to 2014