

Sunrise Trail Coalition
HCPC - Ellsworth
5/21/2014
Minutes

Attending: Charlie Corliss, Jim Fisher, Sandy Johnson, Charlie Robinson, Ray Archer, Crystal Hitchings, Bill Ceckler, Stephen Rees, Ian Staub

Visiting: Gary Allen, Mary Ropp

Marathon – www.destrelay.crowathletics.com

- Friday and Saturday July 25 to 26 – starting from 5:00 PM to Midnight
- Gary Allen – Race Director for MDI Marathon and other events
- Mary Ropp – MDI Marathon Communications

Organized a marathon on Cranberry Isle

- Won road race of the year
- Brings attention and money to TCI

Looking for ways to expand the event to the mainland

Press

- Planning is going very well
- Have an advertisement in New England Runner
- Sending flyers to other running events – Cabot Relay, Pinelands Relay
- Using social media and word of mouth
- All night relays are being held around the country
- Notifying ATV clubs about the run
- Posted maps of the trail and maps of the driving routes for support vehicles
- Covered in Portland Press Herald
- See if Bill Green would cover this

Local Support

- Eastport considering hosting a lobster feed
- Ellsworth Chamber hasn't reacted yet – undergoing leadership change
- Crystal – will provide information to eastern Maine and Canadian business organizations
- Notify law enforcement and warden service

Status

- 16 teams signed up
 - Teams of 8 – each runner does one segment
 - Teams of 4 – each runner does two segments
- Would like to have more teams
- Fee \$70
 - \$10 of entry fee donated to Sunrise Trail
 - \$10 for an Eastport Charity

- Includes lobster bake, t-shirt, etc.

Implementation

- Staggered start
 - Slow teams start first
 - Faster teams will pass them along the way
- Safety briefing
 - Equipment
 - Headlamps
 - Handheld lights
 - Reflective vests
 - Blinking lamps on their backs
 - Cell phone communications, GPS trackers
 - Need to be aware of dead zones for cell phones
 - GPS Tracker may have an SOS beacon
 - Chem free event
 - Would like to have some ATV sweeps patrolling at night
- Next step – update at the June STC Meeting

April Minutes

- Incomplete sentence – The Company may... removed these words
- Approved as revised

Treasurer's Report

- Second mailing from Charlie Harrington brought in many renewals
- General balance \$11,307.95
- Received almost \$4,000 in dues

Letter from Gail Peters

- Asks a number of questions about research, support

Frost Septic bought out Clarke's

- They will still charge \$65 per month through the end of 2014
- Cherryfield – does not have funds for a second privy

Machias Chamber

- Received invitation from Machias Chamber to dinner – respectfully declined.

Manager's Report

- Hazen has installed signs with his son from Washington Junction to Cherryfield
- Clubs are putting up signs the rest of the way

- New Campground - Cottonwood
- Contracts
 - o Mowing contract signed with Jim Robinson (same as Robinsons Cabins)
 - o Maintenance Contract signed by AR Whitten
 - o Grading contract bid package is about to go out
- Portapotty is locate in Machias – not sure who is paying
 - o Machias is planning a movie night near station 98
- Goodwin’s Siding
 - o Beaver causing flooding –may need a trapper
 - o Beaver at Columbia Falls no longer a problem
- Dennysville – still wondering about sharing the cost of a portapotty
 - o Our minutes weren’t clear about a decision
 - o They are paying 100% (\$100) per month
 - o **Decision:** The Sunrise Trail Coalition will provide \$200 to fund 50% of privy costs for four months.
- Bill Ceckler – noted that the section of trail around mile 15 is in very good condition

Decals

- Jim showed some sample decals
- Preferred size would be larger of two samples
- Jim will send out a proposed cost

Sally Jacobs Memorial

- Carol Cuddy sent her written report
- Plaques have been ordered
- Bills need to be paid
- Regarding Jordan Landscape
 - o Have not received confirmation about concrete pad – form was installed in Machias
 - o Stephen confirmed projects and has received invoices
 - o Specifications sent by Freshwater Stone
 - 2’ * 4’ * 4” - \$256
 - 2’ * 4’ * 6” - \$309 – selected by the board
 - o Potter memorial
 - 2’ * 4’ * 4” - \$396 – selected by the board
 - 2’ * 4’ * 6” - \$468
- Proposal – Contact Sally’s children to see whether they will contribute funds to the Machias site
 - o Would they use funds Transfer funds

Camping

- North Street Café (MP 29)
- Cherryfield Stretch (MP 32)
- Cottonwood Campground (MP 44)

Trail Surface – Committee Report

- Ian contacted – Havey Brothers in Franklin
 - o They are looking for a source of crushed concrete in order to suggest a bid price for trail resurfacing
 - o Will find out about the cost, and we can look for funds
- Lana and Scott discussed the concept of using crushed shale
- Parking Lot Entrance Road
 - o Needs to be repaired
 - o \$200 - \$400 needed in bank run gravel to fix the entrance
 - o Charlie will check with Scott about putting in gravel
 - o Jim will check with Tom Testa about
 - o **Action:** Jim- Coalition send a thank you and a \$100 gas card for to Mr. Jasper Carter for winter maintenance

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 24 2:00 – 4:00 PM Ellsworth HCPC