

Sunrise Trail Coalition
6/5/2012 - 4:00 PM
Minutes

Attending: Steve Rees, Ian Staub, Charles Corliss, Bill Ceckler, Sandra Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Polly Ceckler, ..., Arthur Teenan, Peter Knowles, Heidi Nelson, Bill Cherry, Jim Fisher

Minutes:

- Minutes from January, 2012: Approved
- Minutes from May 1, 2012: Approved

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$9,233.00
- Deposit \$95
- Paid \$315 – Rays Plumbing, \$100 Preston Plumbing
- Newsletter
 - \$606.00 Printing
 - HCPC will invoice for postage
- T-Shirt Sales - \$40

Manager's Report

- Water and Beavers
 - Washout at Muckleberry Pond
 - Washout in Franklin
 - Evaluating Beaver Sites
 - 9 active sites
 - 3 new ones this week
 - Contract is approved for RF Jordan grading the Steuben portion of the trail
 - If it goes well, will continue to Franklin
 - Beavers are blocking several other culverts – need to hire an excavator to remove a blocked box culvert
- Put out additional picnic tables
 - Using smaller 6 foot tables that are easier to handle
 - Locations
 - Township 7
 - Card Crossing Stream in Franklin
 - Harrington River
 - Columbia Falls west of Pleasant River
- Washington Junction Sign
 - has been ordered
 - Signs that we have been fading, painter will repaint them at no charge

- Bridges
 - Boards are not popping out as much
 - Have rotated some of them

Membership Committee Report

- Have not been updating a membership list
- Need to meet with Ian Staub
- The Sunrise Trail Laptop has some of the recent data
- Ian provided a list to Sandy of recent dues payments
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Newsletter

- What is the purpose of the newsletter
 - Publicity
 - Membership recruitment
 - **ACTION:** Contact with Newspapers
 - Jim and Heidi can notify our agency press contacts about the newsletter
 - Jim
- Jim and Bill compared a big contact list with a more recent list

Brochure

- Contact MaineDOT about printing
- Requested amount – 2,500+
- **ACTION** Jim - Contact Kevin Riley
- A spreadsheet on the STC laptop computer has contact information for
- Map Changes
 - Connector trail to Perry

Destination Cherryfield

- Will put an information rack in the General Store

Eastern Trail / Maine Greenways Ribbon Cutting

- Dave Wood, Stephen Rees and Charlie Corliss attended
- Set up a table
- Sold two t-shirts
- Organization was very impressive
- Good opportunity to meet other trail leaders
- We might be able to schedule events in the future
- Had Lunch with Nancy Grant, David Reed and ...

- Good conversation about the Sunrise Trail
- Meeting Thursday with Nancy on Thursday to discuss BCM relationship with the trail
- Attending the June 19 Community Spokes Meeting in Augusta
 - Organizing local individuals that are knowledgeable about bikes

National Trails Day

- Chose not to have a table at Washington Junction

Old Business

Trail Planner Guide

- Jim and Jocelyn continue to work on this

Business Memberships

- Charter Membership: Negotiable membership contribution
- Met twice with Steve Sloan about BHE membership
 - Steve provided a letter about BHE commitment
 - Coincidence of trail and power
 - Parcels being conferred to BP&L at Tunk Lake and ...
 - Ongoing financial responsibility to maintain the trail
 - Membership makes sense- but don't want to be treated differently than other charter members
 - Constraints on how they use funds as a regulated utility
 - Suggest that STC provide a proposal in writing – whether to be a members, requested contribution.
 - Also suggest that an employee of Bangor Hydro
- Past sponsors have included
 - Cadillac Mountain Sport
 - Friend and Friend
 - Camden National Bank
 - Sponsorships have been around \$500 in the past
- The committee encourages Stephen to continue discussions with BHE as the first Charter Member

Downeast Coastal Conservancy Two Rivers Campaign

- Bill Cherry – there is a lot of support for this project
- STC – might be able to provide a letter of support for the project
- Bill will ask whether they need a letter of support
- They will also be looking for local matching funds for the project
- There is a primitive trail from the RR Trestle in Whitneyville

- Board recommends that Bill Cherry be the representative for the STC for this project

Bold Coast Scenic Byway - Heidi

- Using Constant Contact to inform people about a meeting in Machias for the Bold Coast Scenic Byway Kickoff – Tuesday June 12
- Heidi can keep this committee up to date about this initiative

Cherryfield Days – Saturday June 23rd

- Would the coalition like to be involved?
- Trail might have an information table
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Destination Cherryfield Day – Saturday July 21st

- DE Salmon Federation will use Cherryfield Academy for a film presentation and book signing
- Arthur Teenan will operate a tour bus that day
- Winery will do a tasting
- Sunrise Trail might also be able to host a table or event
- Could encourage a trail ride to arrive for a chicken barbecue
- Trail Coalition will participate on this date and work from the Teenan property
- Next regular planning meeting will be July 2nd

Bicycle Tours – Arthur Teenan

- Planning to purchase bicycles and host bike tours between Franklin and Cherryfield
- Also planning bike tours on the Schoodic Loop

Planning other local holiday rides and trail events

- Need to have a process for encouraging events
- Destination Cherryfield would like to have four events per year

Apparels

- Our inventory of shirts and sweatshirts is running low
- We need some additional sizes – extra large
 - 25 of each size – leveling off the inventory by size
 - Only have a handful of sweatshirts – all extra large
 - Charlie will find out about the quantity discount
- Order now to have them by July 21st

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.