

**Sunrise Trail Coalition
Trail Surface Committee
6/6/2013**

Attending: Ian Staub, Charlie Corliss, Stephen Rees, Sandy Johnson, Dave Wood, Carol Cuddy, Bill Ceckler, Charlie Robinson, Ray Archer, Polly Ceckler

Treasurer's Report

Summary of funds balances

Bills

- Rays Plumbing - \$105.00 / month
- Corporate Filing Fee - \$35 to HCPC
- Sandy Johnson – Postage
- Steve Rees – Annual Dinner

990 Report has been filed

Questions

- Charlie – Have we asked for bids on this?
 - o Clarkes
 - o Wallace Tent
 - o Ray's Plumbing

Privy Question

- Jim will be meeting with Tom Testa next week
- Stephen suggested that we not install anything pending the completion of the Bold Coast Scenic Byway corridor plan

Machias Bike Rodeo

- Posted the event in Machias Elementary Schools, website, facebook
- Needed to move the event to an adjacent parking area
- Nobody attended the event
- Post mortem
 - o Need to have better communications in advance
 - o Need to be sure about the location
 - o Hope for better weather

Bold Coast Byway

- Considering monuments where they would locate informational signs or facilities
- What locations would be good for the trail

Story Walk

- Several test posts are being installed on the causeway
 - o Balancing

Payment processing

- Jim described the Pay Pal
- Ian expressed his concerns about lost revenues
- Some people will still prefer to mail checks
- Polly moves that we have a one year trial period testing Pay Pal
- Passed without dissent

Board Replacements

- Resignations
 - o Steve Salisbury – resigned
 - o Jacob Van deSande – resigned
- Terms ending
 - o Kathy Howell
 - o Bill Cherry
- Stephen Rees
 - o Announced that he will be stepping off the board at the end of 2013
 - o Will be traveling to Florida next winter and spring
- Need to find new members for the board

Concern about lack of energy for the trail

- Member benefits
 - o Public trail – doesn't charge anything
 - o Newsletter – less frequent and online
- Stephen
 - o Not seeing enough energy for the events
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- Name change?
 - o Do we become Friends of the Sunrise Trail?
- Bill – primary mission was accomplished, so energy faded
 - o Ellsworth, Franklin, Cherryfield, Harrington, Machias are important communities
 - o The communities should be more interested in participating
 - o Towns probably will not invest in the trail

- Hancock County was approached for funds but have not been forthcoming
- What new mission will attract support
 - Need to have some projects to rally support
 - Corporate support
 - Camden National
 - Examples
 - Surface improvements
 - Trail extension to Ellsworth and Eastport
- Dave Wood
 - Should we have a PR Campaign to build interest in the trail?
 - Charlie Corliss – might run promotions on local access cable
 - Pay for advertising? Costs are high
 - **Promotional Materials**
 - Bumper sticker
 - Round ATV Sticker
 - Maps
 - Charlie Corliss offered to have some logos printed on bumper stickers
 - Board voted to approve printing 200 bumperstickers
- Town Reactions to the Trail
 - ATV's remain controversial
 - ATV access along some roads have created fiction
 - Smaller towns aren't likely to put much financial support for the trail

Managers' Report – Charlie Corliss

- Mowing will start this week – done by Jim Robinson (approximately \$7,000)
- Grading and Rolling – starting soon depending on the weather (\$14,000)
 - 40 miles from Georges Crossing north of east Machias
 - RF Jordans
- General Maintenance Contract – signed
 - AR Whitten and Sons
 - Workplan being developed
- Contract 5 miles of liquid calcium - \$2,000 / mile approximately
 - Tried flaked calcium in near the farmers market
 - Temporary method – time consuming to apply
- Story walk – school built some signs that will be installed
- Beavers Causing more trouble – in Hancock near mile 5
- Lot of wildlife along the trail – Charlie will send pictures for the website
- Helen LaPlant was planning to come to the meeting today
 - Cherryfield property will move ahead soon
 - Tunk Lake parcel is tied up with a land swap with feds

Trail Resurface Committee – Ian

- Would like to write a letter to Scott Ramsey requesting \$5,000
 - o Cc to Dan Stewart
 - o Approved by the board

Sally Jacobs Memorial

- Visited freshwater stone – Orland
- Like the curved granite slab bench - \$730 for 60” bench
- Dave Wood – can we get a landscape design for the Machias Information Kiosk
- Jim – will check with Larry Johannesman at MaineDOT to see what he can sketch
- Are there any landscape architects in Machias that would volunteer time

Next Meeting

- Summer meeting – July Vacation
- **Next Meeting: 2:00 PM August 15, 2013 HCPC Ellsworth**