

**Sunrise Trail Coalition Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday June 24, 2014 - 2:00 – 3:30 PM**  
**Hancock County Planning Commission**

**Attending:** Bill Ceckler, Ray Archer, Charlie Robinson, Ian Staub, Charlie Corliss, Jim Fisher, Stephen Rees  
**Visitors:** Gary Allen, Mary Ropp

Review of May Minutes – [Available Online \(Click Here\)](#) – approved without revisions

## Events

### Marathon (July 25-26) – Gary Allen

- Seventy individuals are signed up
- Presented a check for \$700
- Lot of time working on logistics
- Eastport Lobster Bake – Saturday 1:00 PM at Sea-view Campground
- More promotional literature has been placed
- Meeting with organizations
  1. Downeast Trail Riders will provide some ATV support
  2. Sending email to other ATV clubs – not much response
    1. Warning that there will be an event
    2. It will be helpful to have some anticipated times for various locations
- Ray Archer – most of the clubs know about this and want to know if they can provide support
- Ian – recommend contacting the Franklin Fire Department – they have a rescue vehicle for the trail
- Charlie Corliss – the rescue wagon that was in East Machias is now in Machias
- Volunteers are asked to help with communications if there are emergencies
- Teams must demonstrate that they have reviewed the safety protocol
- Sunrise Trail Coalition can greet people at the start – we will have the start time

### Porta-potties

- Washington Junction – Already set
- Cherryfield
  - Charlie Corliss – BP&L Office
  - Located at the campsite (mile 32)
- Machias – Box car potty is now gone – Irving Station is open, Dunkin Donuts
- East Machias – Archibald's
- Dennysville – Already Set
- Ayers Junction – None
- Eastport – many locations

### Sally Jacobs Award Concept

- Gary proposed creating an award cup / bowl for the winning team.
- The bowl would be used annually with small engraved plaques.

**Other events?**

- July 5 – Wreaths across America event in Columbia Falls – not formally using the trail, but will have a lot of ATV’s attending.



**Officer Reports**

**President’s Report – Stephen Rees**

Dennis Markatos Soriano - East Coast Greenway Director was in Portland

- Steve and Dennis met with Hannah Quimby
  - o Requested funding to complete signage for the ECG throughout Maine
  - o Future improvements for the Sunrise Trail
    - Picnic facilities
    - Porta-potties
    - Benches
  - o Steve will send a follow up letter
- Met with Dennis and the [Cathy Melio](#), Program Officer at the Maine Community Foundation
  - o ECG Maine
  - o Sunrise Trail extension to Ellsworth
  - o Regular Application process – next winter
  - o Private philanthropic opportunities

ECG approved hiring a New England Coordinator

- o Hired Molly Henry who will work in Providence
- o Steve will meet here in Augusta this weekend
- o They will ride Calais to Machias (Saturday), Machias to Washington Junction (Sunday), thence to Augusta

**Treasurer’s Report – Ian Staub**

- o Annual corporate IRS 990 – Ian Staub completed the annual tax report

**STC Treasurers Report as of 6/24/14**

Bank balance as of 5/30/2014:	\$21,742.08
Bank Deposit (dues):	<u>\$390.00</u>
Total:	\$22,132.08

Bills to be paid:	
Frost Septic (Wash. Jct.)	\$65.00
Preston’s Septic (Dennysville)	\$50.00
Machias Bay C of C:	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total:	\$165.00

Account Balances:	
Grant funds carry over:	\$5,643.27
Grant for trail survey:	\$5,000.00
Potter Memorial Fund:	\$320.00
Jacobs Memorial Fund: *	\$760.00
Total:	<u>\$11,723.27</u>

General Fund Balance: \$10,408.81

\*Added \$1,000.00 to Jacobs Memorial Fund based on Leech check for \$1,000 from Sandy Johnson deposited on 8/14/13. Total in this fund was \$1240.00

- New Business Members
  - Rose's Bikes – Orono - \$Amt?
  - Pats Pizza Ellsworth \$100
  - BHBT – Ellsworth \$100
  - Tyke's Performance Edge - \$100
  - City of Ellsworth - \$25
  - Crow Athletics
- Expenses
  - Frost Septic
  - Preston (Dennysville)
  - Machias Chamber
- General Fund Balance \$10,408.81

**Manager's Report – Charlie Corliss**

- Started mowing on the Ayers Junction end – 7 miles completed
- Awarded grading and rolling contract to Hanscom Construction
  - \$425 / mile
  - Have to set up the timeline
  - Hope to have everything done before July 24
- Rode from East Machias to Ayers Junction
  - Noted locations with erosion and deep potholes
  - Need to meet with the contractor ASAP
- Will apply calcium – East Machias to Machias, and a few other locations
- Washout two weeks ago
  - Goodwin's Siding
  - Has a trapper trying to catch the beaver causing the damage
- Will be adding material at Schoodic Bog to replace lost material

- Installed or replaced 32 sign posts along the trail
- Campsite
  - has a new sign post
  - Has moved some blocks between trail and campsite
    1. not the permanent location
  - Want to build picnic shelters for this site
    1. Bangor Hydro funds will pay for materials
    2. Want volunteers for construction
  - Acquired three truck wheels for fire rings
    1. Need to put gravel around the perimeter
  - Asplundh has offered to deliver wood chips for \$35– to be paid by the STC
    1. The board approved this expense
  - Steve – recommend a press release for the campsite opening
  - Privies – to be installed July 1 – Sep 30 – will seek low bidder
    1. Rays
    2. Preston
    3. Wallace tent? (contact for a quote) talk to Jake
  - Post is installed for a sign
    1. What content should we put a sign?
    2. Organization

### **Mile Post signs**

- Dennysville club 70 – 80
- East Machias 61 – 79

### **Directional Signage**

- Steve raise the issue of signs that direct people to the trail
  - Signs on the roads
    1. HCPC & WCCOG will prepare a map showing locations
    2. Locations
      1. Franklin – Veterans Club
      2. Franklin – ROW to Blueberry Plant – Need to establish ownership – MaineDOT Rail Department
      3. Franklin – Cards Crossing Road – significant earthwork
      4. Sullivan – Route 183 (Sign on Route 1)
- Map signs for Kiosks
  - The paper segment maps faded quickly
  - We may want to look at 3 signs per kiosk at 3 kiosks
  - Weather-proof brochure holders are needed for the 3 kiosks
  - Jim – suggest putting smart tag stickers
  - Authorize Jim to spend up to \$150 for three brochure holders

### Committee Reports and Updates

- Membership Update – Carol Cuddy
  - Membership Decals – done!



- Sally Jacobs Memorial Update – Sandy Johnson
  - Wayne at Jordan Gardens
    1. Installed cement pad
    2. Plants have survived the winter
  - Plaque – has been delivered
  - Location – right beside the kiosk
    1. Bench, Kiosk, Plaque
  - Installation options
    1. Freshwater Stone
    2. Obadiah Buell
    3. Memorial company located in Machias
  - We need to complete the Machias project
    1. Suggest that we let them know that we are over-budget by approximately \$1,200
    2. Charlie will see whether he has an appropriate piece of granite. Jim is willing to work on attaching the plaque to the granite. This might be the least cost strategy.
  - Daughters are trying to finish up the Orono site – still fund raising for that project
  
- Potter Memorial Update – Ian Staub and Carol Cuddy
  - Have not installed the pad in Franklin
  - Plan to locate at the backside next to the upright railroad ties right at the stream crossing looking downstream
  
- Trail Surface Update – Ian Staub
  - No report
  - Bill noted that the trail is in very good condition in many sections
    1. 183 to Unionville – very good
    2. Franklin to Unionville – very good
    3. Charlie noted that the sites that are good for Bill are actually a problem
      1. Lack of a crown has been leading to problems with erosion “rills”
    4. Bad spots
      1. Mile 24 and Mile 25 – have a lot of loose gravel
  
- Sullivan / Route 183 turnout
  1. No progress to report here
  2. Will stay quiet until the campsite is complete
  
- 2014 User Survey
  1. Jim has purchased a trail camera – Moultrie 150 as recommended by Arthur Tenan and will try it out soon.
  2. Cost will be \$171.98 including a 32 MB data card + batteries

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday July 23, 2014 2:00 – 4:00 PM – HCPC or TBA