

Sunrise Trail Coalition

8/14/2013

Attending: Charlie Corliss, Ian Staub, Bill Ceckler, Sandy Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Steve Rees, Jim Fisher, Charlie Robinson, Ray Archer, Polly Ceckler, Crystal Hitchings

Guest: Cooper Friend

Minutes

- Remove Trail Surface Committee
- Change Fiction to Friction
- Move and pass minutes

Welcome to Cooper Friend, Friend and Friend (cooperfriend10@gmail.com)

- Discussion of the Charity Ride
 - o October 6, 2013 / Rain Date October 20, 2013
 - o Registration 9:00 AM
 - o Andy Galant – communications director
- Tickets
 - o Ticket \$10/vehicle, \$5/additional passengers
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- Registration points in Machias and Washington Junction
 - o Machias: Cooper will head this group
 - o Washington Junction
- Volunteers
 - o Hope to have volunteers from STC and ATV Clubs
 - o Narragaus ATV Club has volunteered to assist
 - o DEST Members have volunteered
- Raffle
 - o Tickets
 - \$1 each
 - \$5 arms length
 - o Need raffle prizes
 - DEST Regalia
 - STC Membership
 - Ray Archer Print
 - Chamber of Commerce?
 - ATV Clubs
- Parking
 - o Jim and Charlie will look into additional parking areas
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- Food and grill
 - o Grilling starts about 11:00 AM at Cable Pool, Cherryfield
 - o Hannafords – may contribute
 - o Source some things through Matthews
 - o Wallace Tent – seeking reduced price
 - o Seeking donations from coke
 - o Will need trash cans and trash bags
 - Charlie will check with Wymans for a loan
- Porta-Potty
 - o Clarks Portable Toilet
 - o Rays
 - o Wallace Tents

Treasurers Report

- Balance \$17,158.54
- Dues deposit: \$1,090.00
- Ending balance: \$18,248.54
- Funds
 - o Grant fund carryover \$5,643.27
 - o Trail Survey \$5,000
 - o Potter memorial \$800.00
 - o Sally Jacobs \$100.00
- General balance - \$5,705.27
- Misc. expenses and deposits
 - o Ray Plumbing
 - o Narraguagus Printing
 - o Bangor Letter Shop
- Treasurers Report Approved
- Discussing box car and station restoration with Sharon Mack
 - o Need to see what funds the DEST can contribute to this initiative

Potter Memorial Fund

- o Picnic table or Bench: Bench
 - 48” bench v. 60” bench
 - Bronze engraved plaque
- o Three months left in this season
- o Try to do something this season
- o Location
 - Card Brook Crossing, Franklin
- o Ian and Steve will check with the family

Sally Jacobs Memorial

- Stephen spoke with Wayne Jordon of Jordan's Nursery –landscaping company – see whether they can provide a simple plan for the Machias site
- Design-Build option
- Charlie and Stephen can meet with Wayne to explore options

Train Managers Report – Charlie Corliss

- Mowing completed on the entire trail
- Grading and Rolling completed
 - o First time was not accepted
 - o Second time – was accepted
- Stephen noted a problem with a section near Jonesboro – not possible on a bicycle – stones were too large
- Calcium Chloride tx in Machias and East Machias
 - o Used new 72" drop spreader
 - o Three passes provides the right amount of calcium
- Washouts
 - o Tibbetstown, Columbia Falls – Edge of the trail slide down the bank
 - Required four large trucks of material to fix it
 - o General repairs and small washouts
- Kiosks
 - o New BP&L maps were installed
- Mile marker signs
 - o Suggested marker signs 4" * 8"
 - o MaineDOT manufactured 8" * 18"
 - o Several people on the committee suggested we use these signs since they are already made.
- Crossing site in Steuben
 - o Old crossing that wasn't used much – farm crossing
 - o Site distance wasn't adequate
 - o Trimmed bushes and signed the crossing
- Questions
 - o suggested decals as a premium for members
 - o Parking Signage – Jim – need to contact MaineDOT
 - proposed drawing for road signage locations pointing drivers to parking
 - Franklin – parking is on private property – Canadian Company purchased the factory

Committee Reports

- Membership

- Jim demonstrated new online renewal system
- Trail Surface – Ian
 - Stephen is sending a letter to Scott and Dan requesting funds for test of resurfacing depths
 - Jim – contacted Mick Rogers about a possible grant for resurfacing a portion of the trail
- New Members
 - Pat’s Pizza
 - Individuals
- Signage
 - Two businesses have signs
 - Jim will post photos of the signs to the website

Privy’s

- Find out if the grants we have can be used for Privy’s
- Washington Junction and Ayers Junction
- Shared maintenance
 - Washington Junction – Downeast Rail Heritage Trust
 - Ayers Junction
 - Dennysville Club – would help maintain a privy at Ayers Junction this year
 - Dennysville Club purchased property and have drilled a well by the Milwaukee Road (7 miles from Ayers Junction)
- Charlie will investigate funds for a vault privy at Washington Junction

Machias Blueberry Festival – Not participating

Future Board meeting date

- **Monday, September 9 2:00 – 4:00 PM Machias – TBA**
- Agenda
 - Planning Charity Ride
 - Privies
 - Benches
 - Consider names for the future board
- **Annual meeting December 12** – replacing two expired terms or shrink the board
 - Stephen noted that he is willing to remain as president, but will be away this winter