

SUNRISE TRAIL COALITION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
September 9, 2013 @ 2:00 – 4:00P.M.  
Machias, ME

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 7, 2013 2:00 – 4:00 PM Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium

**Introductions**

Attending: Steve Rees, Bill Ceckler, Charlie Robinson, Sharon Mac, Charlie Harrington, Andy Golan (Friend and Friend) Charlie Corliss, Ray , Polly Ceckler, Sandy Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Dave Wood, Jim Fisher, Ian Staub

Guests:

Larry Finnegan – Jonesport Trail Committee

Irvin Pinkham – Jonesport Trail Committee

Wayne Lobley - Jordan Gardens

**Approval of Minutes** of August 14, 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting.

Review of the Minutes:

Notes: Porta-potty for Ayers Junction – Charlie and Joe McVail need to investigate

**Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer, Ian Staub

Bank Balance \$18,091.99

Ending Balance \$18,266.99

Motion to pay bills to

Clarks \$60 – move to empower regular payment of the privy

Freshwater Stone - pay \$421 for memorial bench

**Trail Manager's Report-**Charlie Corliss

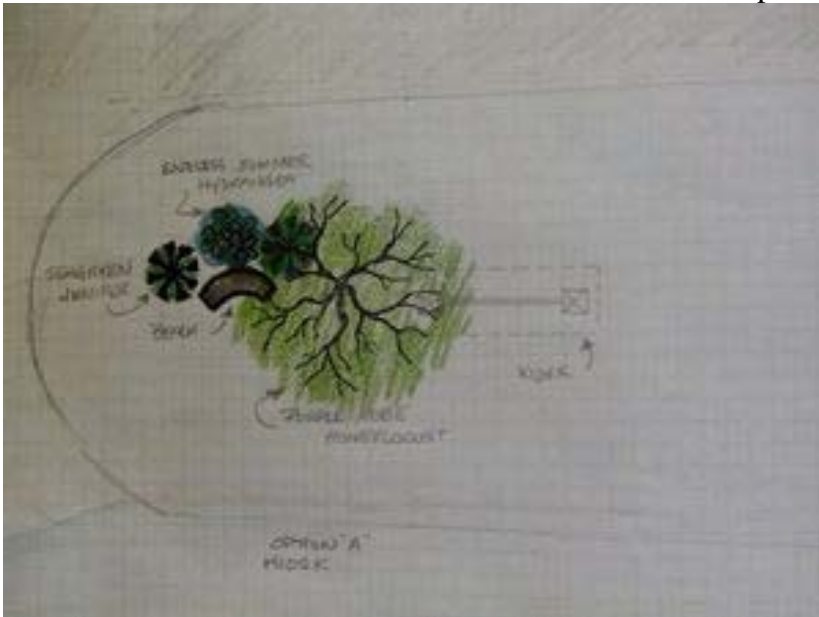
- Huntington's Disease Walk is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> – requires changing the date of the Charity Ride
- Moving the Sunrise Trail Ride to October 20, 2013
- Man Cave Expo will be September 28-29 in Bangor, Hoping to have a Sunrise Trail person come to this event and participate in registration
- Rain and Physical conditions
  - Washouts along the trail
  - Some problems are recurrent because the trail needs to be graded – water is trapped in the ruts and blows out at a low spot
  - Still has money in the contract, but it may be tight
- Trail Signage
  - Scott has instructed Charlie not to put up the MaineDOT milepost signs
  - Bill moves that we store the signs until we can clarify a solution to this impass
  - Motion carries



## Sally Jacobs Memorial

Welcome Wayne Lobley, Jordan Gardens: Landscape Plan Machias Information Kiosk (delayed pending Wayne's arrival)

- Wayne provided two site designs
  - Next to kiosk – smaller site with better visibility
    - Honey Locus – shade tree
    - Other perennials behind the bench
    - Might use granite blocks around the perimeter might protect the bench from a snow plow
    - Recommend pinning the bench to the legs and the legs to the ground to discourage theft or vandalism
    - One farmers market vendor tends to park his truck



- Next to Station – larger site, less visibility. Chamber wants that space for parking
- Ian Staub moves that we construct Option A – all agreed
- Next steps
  - Obtain consent for use of land
    - Chamber representative believes that the land in question is owned by MaineDOT
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  - Wayne will prepare and estimate for cost of the site
  - Autumn
    - Install footing
    - Complete landscaping
  - Spring
    - April – place bench
    - May – dedication
    - April – mount display cabinet below the kiosk for memorial



Welcome Larry Finnegan-Jonesport Connector Trail informational presentation

- Rotary has completed the auction for the ATV and that has worked
- Now looking at applying for support to create a connector trail from the DEST to Jonesport
  - Trying to create a path connecting to Jonesport

- Many informal trails are being used, but they are running into problems getting permission
- Charlie Corliss has offered to join them in meeting with Jonesport and Addison selectboard meetings to discuss the benefits of trails
- They will return to a future meeting with more information and some alternative route maps

### **Machias Area Chamber Restoration Plan 1898 RR Depot-Sharon Mack**

- Sharon Mac noted that the Chamber has applied for a Community Development Grant that would help to reconstruct the building – grant awards will be announced in December
- The building is empty
  - Planning to paint the interior in the next two weeks
  - Applying for a second grant to construct two bathrooms
    - Town will hook the Depot to the sewer line as part of the local match
    - Station would be open year round and serve as the Chamber information center
  - Long term plan - link the building to a platform and make the box car a museum
    - Moving current chamber
  - Have communicated with Maine Historic Preservation about maintaining historic integrity – appears a solution is available.
- Steve – any opportunity for bicycle rental?
  - There is a private entity to work with Rob Scribner on future improvements
    - Sunrise Canoe – had a bike repair & sales operation on the other side of the dike
    - He might reopen in the future
- October 12- Final Chamber event for the season
  - Farmers Market
  - Other Vendors and Events

### **Brennan Michael Potter Memorial Update-Ian Staub**

- Bench has been ordered – a deposit has been paid
- The \$800 will be used for purchase and installation
- Try to coordinate delivery of this bench with the Machias Bench
- Need to avoid deliver on the trail during mud season
- Ian will mail a letter to Brendan’s father with this information

### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership/Donor/Sponsor brochure & Fall Membership renewal
- Newsletter-Maggie Warren & Dave Wood, Co-Chairs & Steve Rees
- Steve – would like to produce a fall newsletter
  - Update on events
  - Trail Manager Report
  - Presidents Report
  - Solicitation for Membership
  - Update about the board – seeking board members
  - Friend and Friend report
  - Harvest Festival and Wine Tasting
- Primarily electronic distribution
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### **Trail Surface Issues & Facilities- Ian Staub, Chair**

Discussion of August 14 Trail Surface Committee Meeting Report

- Bill – proposes that Steve and Ian meet with Scott Ramsey about the trail surface options
- Bill would also be willing to go
- Motion passes

### **Annual Meeting**

Discussion reduction in number of directors for Annual Members' Meeting vote in December, 2013

- Discussion of Annual Meeting
  - o Date: October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 2:00 PM
  - o Location: Cherryfield – Sea Coast Mission
  - o Pot Luck
    - Apple Pie Contest?
- Appointment of New Directors for Unexpired Term of Directors, Steve Salisbury & Jacob van de Sande

Discussion solicitation of candidates for December Election

- Directors 3 yr. Term
- Appointment of Vice-President

### **Electronic Renewal**

- Jim – mentioned that the electronic system is set up and funds can be transferred to Bar Harbor Bank and Trust
- Board approved electronic renewal process
- Ian will set up online banking to check on deposits

### **Promoting Membership**

- Suggestions
  - o Radio – public service announcements
  - o Press releases
  - o Social Media
  - o Membership drive
- Maggie can send a membership information to promotions committee
- Update website
  - o Friend and Friend
  - o Pat's Pizza
  - o Talbot House

**October 6 Cherryfield Barbecue/Friend & Friend: Final Planning discussion – Tabled?**

**Approval of Directors' requested Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred – tabled?**