Sunrise Trail Coalition Board of Directors Meeting
9/9/2014
Hancock County Planning Commission Office, Ellsworth
Minutes

Attending: Stephen Rees, Sandy Johnson, Polly Ceckler, Bill Ceckler, Charlie Robinson, Charlie Corliss, Jim Fisher, Gerry Nasberg (prospective new board member), Shova Ale Magar (HCPC Intern), Ian Staub (at 3:00 PM by phone)

Introducing Gerry Nasberg

Minutes – approved without revision

President's Report

Annual Meeting in October

- Assuming that we are still meeting at the Maine Sea Coast Ministry 127 West Street in Bar Harbor Tuesday, October 7 1:00 – 3:00 PM.
- Pot luck – Board members asked to confirm with Jim that they are planning to bring food or beverage.
- Invitations
    - Jill Goldwaithe
    - Dennis Damon
    - MCHT Staff
        - Misha Mytar
        - Bob Deforrest
    - Brian Hubbel
    - Sam Coplon
    - John Kelly
    - Sheriden Steel
    - Scott Ramsay
    - Lana Ellis-LaPlante
    - Tom Sidar
- Proxy Vote
    - Jim will arrange an online voting procedure
        - Board nominees
        - Bylaw amendments
            - Quorum requirement
                - From 1/2 to 1/3 (8 to 6) – seconded and approved

East Coast Greenway Alliance Update

- Quimby Family Foundation has granted $40k three year gift to East Coast Greenway
    - Will host four events along the Greenway
    - One event will be held on the Down East Sunrise Trail – 2015
        - Need to have a non-motorized event
        - Walk/Bicycle/Cross Country Skiing
        - Equestrian event
    - Past events

        - Fall Color Ride
        - Walking fund raisers

<u>Purchase of two trail cameras</u>

- Was the discussion held during or after the meeting?
- Bill Ceckler – Proposes and Polly Seconds that we ratify the purchase of two cameras
- Purchase approved as proposed

Manager's Report

- Trail grading and rolling has been completed, feels the work turned out well
    - The rocks were pulled into the trail
    - ATV's will throw the bigger rocks off the trail
- Emera is doing line maintenance on the poles – replacing bolts
    - Jim noted a broken insulator on Pole 290
- Cherryfield Stretch Campsite
    - Moving some picnic tables around - Moving a table from Tunk Stream to the campsite
    - Installing fire rings at different sites
    - Finding nice locations away from the road
    - People are stopping at the site for lunch, use of the privy
    - Going to build two picnic shelters
- Cherryfield Foods Site – Route 193 Crossing
    - Will relocate a kiosk from Schoodic Byway to this site
- Proposal for purchase of two or three additional picnic tables – tabled until a future spring meeting
- Request – waterproof brochure holders for the kiosks – Jim needs to propose alternatives
- Beaver problems
    - Not much during the dry weather
    - Rail will cause more difficulties
- Washington Junction Trail Extension
    - MaineDOT and DACF are negotiating DACF taking over trail construction
    - Hope that this will reduce costs
    - Will need wetland construction permits
    - Bridge at Card Stream
    - Hope not to need a fence
- Machias High School is holding a cross country race on the trail- don't know the date at the moment.
- Question – what is going on with the train depot?
    - Charlie – Don't know
    - Steve will get more information

(Note: Jim Fisher, note taker, left the meeting at approximately 3:00 PM)

Treasurers Report – Ian Staub joined the meeting by phone at approximately 3:00 PM

Bank balance as of 8/29/14:	$21,007.52
Dues:	000.00
Donations:	000.00
Total:	$21,007.52

Bills to be Paid:	
Frost Septic (Wash. Jct.):	$65.00
Preston's Septic (Ayers Jct.):	50.00
Total	$110.00

Account Balances:	
Grant fund carry over:	$5,643.27
Trail Survey Grant:	4,347.58
General fund balance:	11,016.67
Bills to be paid:	110.00
Net general fund balance	$10,906.67

Notes:

- Jim Fisher/HCPC reimbursed $652.42 for equipment purchased for trail survey, charged against trail survey grant.

Annual Meeting:

For annual meeting I need 10/2014-10/2015 budgets from the following:

- Jim Fisher: Trail Survey equipment and J. Fisher hourly rate x estimated hours
- Carol Cuddy: Cost of membership mailings including postage plus estimate of individual/family dues revenue
- Steve Rees/Bill Ceckler: Fundraising estimates including donations from F&F and Crow Athletics
- Sandy Johnson: Printing estimates including postage (printing and mailing)
- Steve Rees: Travel and any food expenses for annual meeting
- Charlie Robinson: Corporate Sponsor estimates (Corporate Dues)
- Charlie Corliss: Any costs for picnic tables, signage, etc.
- Ian Staub: Trail re-surface estimates?????

Questions:

- Planning any granite benches, etc. in 2015?
- Privy rentals, anybody have an estimate? (Wash. Jct. Ayers Jct. Campsite at Mile Post 32)
- Sweatshirts, hats, etc.: estimate to have more made including a long sleeve polo

Please have all information to me on or before September 27,2014.
Sorry I missed (1/2) today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ian J. Staub, Treasurer

Nominations for Expiring 2014 board membership

- Gerry Nasberg confirmed his candidacy for a board seat for term 2015-2017
- Board members discussed wanting to have more business owners on the Board from Ellsworth and Machias
- Board members are to continue approaching possible candidates and to notify Jim Fisher of any candidate so that his/her name can be placed within the Annual Meeting Proxy for Membership vote

Website

- Board want Jim Fisher and Carol Cuddy, Membership, to verify all current Business members are listed

Donation to Helen's Restaurant Employee Fund

- Polly Ceckler requested a $100.00 donation be made to the Employee Fund as a thank you to Helen's Restaurant owners who erected a tent at no expense to the Coalition for our use at the Sally Jacobs Memorial Dedication at Machias site of former restaurant
- Board approved the donation and asked Polly to coordinate with Treasurer for check delivery

(Board member Sandy Johnson departed the meeting approximately 3:20 pm)

Agenda Items Remaining

- With departure of Recording Secretary and departure by Board member Johnson, Pres. Rees suggested and the remaining Board members concurred to defer consideration and discussion of remaining Agenda items until next meeting

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm