

Sunrise Trail Coalition Meeting
Bluebird Ranch Restaurant
10/22/2008

Minutes

Attending: Les Ames, Polly Ceckler, Bill Ceckler, Bill Cherry, Sue Owen, Jim Heida, Jannie Heida, Emily Bean, Charles Corliss, Dave Wood, June Bostow, Darrel Bostow, Carol Cuddy, Jay Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Andy Beres, Marilyn Dowling, Maggie Warren, Jef Fitzgerald, Jim Fisher, Kathleen Shannon, Jeremy Gabrielson, Sally Jacobs, Peter Knowles..

Meeting called to order at 1:28 PM

Sally introduced several new people.

Annual Report

Trail construction is well on its way.

Surface preparation tested, verified and moving forward

We took a preview ride today. Segments of the trail will open in November for Snowmobiles

Looking at ways to groom the trail for snowmobiles and cross country skis

Annual Business Conference was a great success

STAR Center Meetings – feasibility analysis underway

- Need to complete Washington Junction to High Street

Extending trail north from Ayers Junction

Box Car project

- New Bank entrance to ATM
- Bank may be will to permit limited parking spaces off of the entrance drive – as was indicated in the architectural drawings

Advisory Committee

- State held their first meeting on September 2
- They are still actively recruiting members
- They are planning to meet quarterly
- Charlie is not set up in the new building in Cherryfield next to the trail

Slide Show

- Dr. Knowles walking tour of the trail – lives at Ayers Junction, walked to Ellsworth in sections.
- Jim Fisher copied the slides and will post some of them to our Flickr page and website

Jim Fisher

- East Coast Greenway
- Geo-tourism
- Blackwoods Byway

Jef Fitzgerald

- Ellsworth trail project
- High Street – Main Street – Ellsworth High School – Ellsworth Falls

Nominations Committee

Bill Ceckler circulated a list of nominees for the board.

- New members include
 - Amy Tunney and David Wood
- 3 year members: David Whitney, Sandra Johnson, Carol Cuddy, Jef Fitzgerald, Amy Tunney, David Wood
- 2 year members: Bill Cherry, Jacob Van de Sande, Polly Ceckler, John Ashmore, Tim Tunney, Kathleen Shannon
- 1 year members: Sally Jacobs, Bill Ceckler, Eleody Libby, Stephanie Clement, Maggie Warren

Officers:

- President: Bill Ceckler
- VP : Open
- Treasurer: Eleody Libby
- Secretary: Stephanie Clement
- Representative to Management committee: Sally Jacobs
- Approved without modification or dissent.

Future Initiatives

- Sally summarized a list of things we should pursue next year
- Web Page: Tim Tunney has ideas for improving the web page
- Marketing
- Becoming a snowmobile or ATV club
- More...

Charlie Corliss

Presented progress in constructing the trail

He noted several challenges

- Bridges
- Drainage
- Clay and hydric soils
- Beavers
- Failed box culverts
- Theft and vandalism

Future plans

- Hope to complete graveling the Whitneyville – Ayers Junctions section in time for winter use.
- Will put up signage soon

Presentation of Resolution and Award for Sally Ceckler

Bill Ceckler read a resolution recognizing Sally's efforts on behalf of the Trail

RESOLUTION

The Members and the Board of Directors of The Sunrise Trail Coalition want to thank Sally Jacobs for her dogged determination and efforts in making the Down East Sunrise Trail a reality. Her work with the State and other groups on trails and transportation issues gave her the experience and built a network of support that gave her authority in convincing State Leadership that converting the Calais Branch to a recreational trail was the best use for the old right of way.

Following her enthusiastic and effective leadership we are acquiring a trail which will provide the residences of Hancock and Washington Counties and visitors with a great recreational facility and the local businesses with the potential of significant economic benefits.

Thanks Sally and good luck in your efforts on the Management Committee.

The Board of Directors.
October 22, 2008

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM