

STC Board Meeting of May 24, 2017 at Pats Pizza in Ellsworth (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order by Stephen Rees, President

Also present for this meeting were Ian Staub, Ray Archer, Charlie Corliss, Carol Cuddy, Polly Ceckler, Bill Ceckler, Sandy Johnson, Andy Gallant, Charlie Robinson, and Jen Boothroyd.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

The group was reminded about the upcoming meeting regarding ATV access in Ellsworth on Friday, May 26th at 1:00 at Ellsworth City Hall.

Ian presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that he needs to prepay Ray's Plumbing for a month up front. The Board agreed to this. Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Charlie seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charlie Corliss presented the Trail Manager's report.

- The materials for the new kiosk have been ordered and are at the Washington County Prison, but in light of the recent announcement of the prison's closure and its uncertain future, an alternate plan may be needed for construction. Charlie will wait a week or so, and then pick up the materials if it seems likely the prison will close. The Board may hire assistance for construction.
- Work on the trail has been underway, and is expected to be completed by the end of the day on the 24th. A pesky beaver will hopefully be relocated.
- Charlie has had no success getting in touch with the ownership and management of the Reny's parking lot to obtain ATV permissions. He will continue trying.
- The East Coast Greenway signs have been placed.
- There is news that an ATV trail into Calais is in the works, Charlie will keep an eye on this.

The Board discussed how to handle lapsed memberships. After some discussion, it was decided that President Rees and Carol will draft a letter informing businesses of their lapsed memberships. A similar letter will be drafted for individual/family memberships that have lapsed.

There was some discussion on the job description that was drafted and circulated. The idea is to hire someone part-time, who could work to boost membership and obtain grants which would fund the position going forward. One of the tasks of the position would be website maintenance, which led to discussion of a new website for the Sunrise Trail. The board would be interested in obtaining a grant to fund the development of a new site, which could then be maintained by the staff person, or possibly an intern from one of the local colleges. Ian will look into Maine Office of Tourism grant opportunities.

After the success of last year's ATV raffle (approx.. \$5,000 profit), the raffle, Bill moved to hold a similar raffle this year. Charlie seconded the motion and it carried. Andy will look into ATV models and rebates to find the best price on a machine for the raffle.

President Rees expressed an interested in setting the date for the annual meeting early, to get ahead of those leaving the area in the winter months. After some discussion, the board chose the first week in October for the annual meeting. Details will be finalized later.

The next board meeting was set for June 13, at 12:00 PM at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.