

St. Lawrence County Public & Private Lands Recreational Advisory Board Meeting
St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Office
7:00 PM

Minutes for March 17, 2009

Present: Roger Bennett (Chairman), Alex MacKinnon (Vice Chairman), Aaron Earl, Judy Wendt, Kermit Blanchard, Tom Ortmeyer, Stan Hewlett, David Irish, Walt Paul, Bill Dashnaw, Warren Irwin, R.B. Lawrence, & Bill Lutz.

Guest: Edward Long, Mary A. Long

Absent Excused: Dawn Howard (Secretary), Bob Dowman, & Spencer Thew

Absent: Brian Bullard, Laura Perry, Francis Sharpstene, Deb Christy, and Marshall Weekes.

- I. Called to Order @ 7:02
- II. Quorum present
- III. Kermit Blanchard made a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes, Tom Ortmeyer seconded, and all were in favor.
- IV. Hearing and Comments
 - a. Bob Diehl not able to make it.
 - b. Continued unexcused absences: Bill Dashnaw suggests a press release noting The Board's position/status, and the potential vacancy. A draft will be e-mailed to the group for comment prior to its release. Some discussion on the press release.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive: No report.
 - B. Trail Oversight/GEIS Mapping
 1. Bill Dashnaw brought maps of inter-county trails. Discussed connecting roads. Towns open to ATV traffic: Fowler, Edwards, Fine, Hermon, Clare, Clifton... Though only one main corridor may be considered, and will be presented to Barton and Loguidice (B&L) as the corridor map. The corridor will be established and presented to Judy Drabicki in a meeting to be scheduled in a few weeks. After DEC notice, approach APA with trail intentions. Requested people stay after meeting to highlight the map, and connect the corridor. "Important to get this corridor established & work started by B&L soon, or we will lose the grant (\$500k).
 2. Tom Ortmeyer addressed the subcommittee meeting with Bob Diehl last week. Brought a map of the proposed 5-county trail map (Jefferson, Oswego, Oneida, Lewis, St.Lawrence, and possibly Franklin(#6)). Investigate getting on the 5-County Regional Group contact Rich Lucas.
**Motion made by Tom Ortmeyer to appoint Alex MacKinnon as the Advisory Board representative to contact Rich Lucas, seconded by Bill Lutz.

3. Judy Wendt mentioned urging state legislators to move current bills into action that have been pending. i.e. side-by-sides. Vehicles are currently not allowed on trails as they exceed a weight limit. A bill is on the table to allow side-by-side ATV's. Judy will make a written document to present to Legislators.

- C. Finance Committee- no report
- D. Education and Enforcement- no report
- E. Board of Legislators- no report
- F. Grant Committee- no report
- G. Coordinator Committee- no report
- H. Evaluation Committee- no report

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Adopt a Trail:
 - 1. Still at a standstill, as no action has been taken by the county attorney, Alex MacKinnon mentioned there will be a full time attorney soon.
- B. Timesheets- no report

VII. New Business:

- A. Kermit Blanchard brought up the signage along ATV woods trails, saying that it might be too small. It is agreed that the signs must stay consistent and they are adequate, and no changes will be made.

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Motion to adjourn by Kermit Blanchard, Seconded by Stan Hewlett
- B. Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2009.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes by Aaron Earl