

St. Lawrence County Public and Private Lands  
Recreational Advisory Board Meeting

Draft Minutes for March 18, 2008

**Present:** Dawn Howard, Bill Lutz, Roger Bennett, Bill Dashnaw, Tom Ortmeyer, Kermit Blanchard, David Irish, Alex MacKinnon, Tom Grow, Stan Hewlett, Judy Wendt, Spencer Thew, Bob Diehl (Lewis Co. Trail Coordinator), and Brian Norton (SLC IDA) (12 voting members and 2 guests)

**Excused:** Steve Papson, RB Lawrence, Warren Irwin, Robert Dowman, Laura Perry

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett. Introductions were made.

Bill Lutz moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Judy Wendt seconded and all were in favor.

Bob Diehl, Lewis County Trail Coordinator brought a Town of Martinsburg packet and also an info package on opening roads. Much discussion followed. Bob also talked about how they are handling contracts and insurance in Lewis Co for landowners. He reported on the status of other adjoining counties. Bob will send us more ins specifics and he will be back next month with an insurance rep. We need more info on coverage for user groups other than ATVs.

Discussion was held on the need for a trail coordinator in St. Lawrence Co. Judy Wendt made a motion and Kermit Blanchard seconded that we ask the SLC BOL to pass a resolution and to budget for the creation of a recreational trails coordinator position. All were in favor. Bob Diehl will send us a job description and other info.

Dawn Howard was contacted by Darleen Gonyeau of the ATV club in the Pitcairn area re funding for a couple of projects. A Franklin Co. connection has also been made.

Lewis Co will have a map with advertisers. Offered to include SLC.

The suggestion was made to have several county BOL reps get together to approach NYS.

Bob Diehl has a rough draft of trail rules. He is attending a conference next week and will try and bring back other examples. Bob also has a Trail Standard he will share with us.

Brian Norton had to leave early, but please include him in all future meetings. Economic Development wants to become more involved.

Acceptance of Order of Business was done.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee** – Roger Bennett – no report.

**Trail Oversight** – Tom Ortmeyer - A meeting was held in North Lawrence. The group is working on getting a trail from Parishville to Franklin Co. They are looking at railroad. Meet with Mapping in the future.

**Mapping** – Bill Dashnaw – Once a consensus is reached on trail location, we need to go back to the towns.

**Finance** – Dawn Howard reported that there was no report.

**Education and Enforcement Committee** – No report.

**BOL** – Alex MacKinnon – The resolution re the Trail Coordinator position should be written up, submitted, and then a presentation made . Do at 2009 budget time which is July 2008. Ron Bertram has been appointed to the committee.

### **Old Business:**

- Parishville – Alex MacKinnon has been working on roads. Some segments were left out inadvertently.
- SEQR – The pilot area is covered. Key for rest is insurance. We'll learn more next month. Blanket insurance covers up to 6 events.
- Parcel #32 alternate routes. Tom will do a new map for the next meeting. Point 1 is the entrance.

### **New Business:**

- A sample trail marker was passed around.
- Roger e-mailed a copy of the county map to all (Kermit got a hard copy.)

### **Announcements:**

Next month Bob Diehl will attend with someone to speak about insurance. Franklin Co. Representatives have been invited to the April meeting also. We will give Brian Norton time on the agenda next month to talk about Economic Development. The Planning Dept and DEC are also invited to attend the next meeting . Please do written committee reports for April because of time constraints. More info is needed on the General Obligations Law.

Next Board meeting was scheduled for April 15th at 7 PM at SWCD.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard