

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

Draft Minutes for May 20, 2008

Present: Dawn Howard, Roger Bennett, RB Lawrence, Ron Bertram, Bill Lutz, Brain Bullard, Marshall Weekes, Bob Dowman, Judy Wendt, Tom Ortmeyer, David Irish, Stanley Hewlett, Stephen Papson, Alex MacKinnon, Spencer Thew. Guest Present: John Manson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett.

Bob Dowman moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Stanley Hewlett seconded and all were in favor.

Guests:

1. John Manson (new to the St. Lawrence County IDA last week) was delegated the trail program. IDA has a grant for \$25,000 from Empire Development for marketing recreational areas away from the St. Lawrence River including feasibility for user fees. (Need to tweak the grant language.) May pay for personnel, marketing, fee schedule, etc. Need action ASAP. 6-month sunset. Has had one extension. Roger said we need to have a plan by next month. Judy reported a Committee was formed last month. Members include Alex, Judy, RB, Ron Bertram, etc. They will meet with John ASAP to move forward. Kermit volunteered also.
2. Bob Diehl – not present.
3. Insurance Representative – not present.

Added insurance to Old Business.

Dawn has two items for New Business.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Executive Committee** – Roger Bennett
 - Benefit ride in Norwood 5/25.
 - Enforcement of UTV's.
 - Mobil Forest Heritage exhibit to visit Madrid on June 11, 14, 15.
 - Judy requested a new e-mail list. Roger will send to the board.
- 2. Trail Oversight** – Tom Ortmeyer
 - No report, except 5/28 is the Parishville Town Board Meeting.
- 3. Mapping** – Aaron Earl
 - Dawn Howard gave the report.
 - Sheldon Rd – abandonment/ownership not determined yet. Turned over to Bill Dashnaw.
 - Judy commented that we need maps when we announce that the trail is open.
- 4. Finance** – Dawn Howard
 - Signs will be the first order of business.

5. Education and Enforcement Committee – Laura Perry, not here

- Dawn Howard met with DEC Ranger Scott Murphy regarding trails and rules on County land.

6. BOL – Alex MacKinnon

- Wednesday is the Parishville meeting. Hoping roads open on Thursday.
- The Press is watching.
- What happens next –
 - o Signs – Tom O.
 - o Patrol – Laura and Clubs
 - o Kiosk – Kermit
 - o Maps – Aaron and Mapping Committee need to fix (too busy as they are).
 - o Need plan of action tonight.
 - o Highway handling money. Document all expenses. Turn them into the Finance Committee.
- Alex then talked about the Economic Development grant.

Old Business:

1. Parishville

- Judy commented that we need to make clear that the roads are open but the trail is not yet open. Alex thinks that we need a press release. Maybe Judy can do.
- Bill D. has the go ahead on the Safety Signs.
 - o Kermit made a motion to order 1,000 trail marker signs chosen by the Oversight Committee. Yellow and black with \$45 set up fee and at \$0.25 each. Bill Lutz seconded. Amendment by Spencer Thew to add a Sled Dog Logo. All in favor.
 - o Use plastic nails or screws. Talk to Bill D. about posts.
 - o Kermit made a motion for the Oversight Committee to be authorized to order Safety and “No ATV signs” for pilot trail. Alex seconded and all in favor.
 - o Alex said that we also need more County Reforestation signs. Dawn will get from Bill D.

2. General Obligation Law

- Dawn had a hard copy. Sending a copy to the board via email. Ask County Attorney to interpret.
- Brain suggested we check specific usage in the law.
- No UTV’s on road so they can’t use our whole trail system.

3. Adopt A Trail

- Dawn-no action yet on draft. Need to tweak and get to County Attorney. Judy wants to look at.

4. Coordinator

- Judy will write a letter to the Board of Legislators. Letter will be done by next meeting. Dawn had Bob Diehl’s job description.

5. Insurance

- Judy said that General Obligation Law is too vague. Need Insurance, need price.
- Stan will get a representative to our next meeting to do a presentation. Garceau Insurance Agency used by NYSORVA.
- County ATV association will take care of this.
- Grant may be used in some small fashion.
- Public property is covered.

- Need for private landowners.
- 6. Kermit asked about the Parking Area and was told the Oversight Committee can move forward on this for estimates.
 - Document for grant all manpower, machinery, and materials.

New Business:

1. New Draft County Ethics Law – much discussion on disclosure.
2. Dawn had a copy of the Town of Hopkinton's Local Law that opens roads.

Announcements:

Dawn reported that a National Park Service Grant for Technical Assistance is available. Alex suggested we give it to Heidi at Planning to look over.

Next Board meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2008 at 7 PM at SWCD.

Motion to adjourn by Judy, Kermit seconded and all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Note 6/3 Next Oversight Committee at 7 PM at SWCD.

Minutes by Dawn Howard