

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

Minutes for February 17, 2009

Present: Dawn Howard, Tom Grow, Warren Irwin, Kermit Blanchard, Dave Irish, Tom Ortmeyer, Bob Dowman, Stan Hewlett, Roger Bennett, Bill Lutz, Bill Dashnaw.

Guest: John Manson, Gerry Leroux, Ron Phelix.

Excused: Steve Papon, R B Lawrence, Judy Wendt, Aaron Earl, Walt Paul, Spencer Thew, Alex MacKinnon, and Ron Bertram.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett at the SWCD office.
2. Quorum present.
3. Bob Dowman made a motion to accept the minutes, Warren Irwin seconded, and all were in favor.
4. Hearings and Comments. Ron Phelix from Franklin Co. gave an update on the trail status in his area. Cty Rt 99 plus has been open for 15 years (St. Regis to Rt 30 – approx 15 miles) The Town of Bangor roads are all open. Discussed other sections open and being worked on. Franklin Co. owns np property. No insurance. Discussion on what is going on in St. Lawrence Co and connecting the two. Talked about grant money. Their one club, the Rough Riders, is not actively working on opening roads.
5. Acceptance of Order of Business. Items for Old Business. Items for New Business.
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive - Roger Bennett. Letters were sent out to 16 re 3 + meetings missed. No responses received.
 - b. Trail Oversight, GEIS, Mapping – Kermit Blanchard. Kermit reported that the meeting with Pat Whalen to discuss state land was cancelled, but that he had talked to Pat anyway. Kermit would like to move forward with opening Sylvan Falls Rd, White Hill Rd, Cassidy Rd, and Jones Rd. We need to add to list and then bring to Committee, Board, Town, and GEIS. Bill Dashnaw asked about any additions to the map. There were none at this time. All Board members will be invited to the next committee meeting in March. NOTE: Meeting is 3/3 at 6:30 pm at Kermit Blanchard's house in the Town of Stockholm. This is separate from the meeting with Pat Whalen.
 - c. Finance – Dawn Howard. No report
 - d. Education & Enforcement – Bob Dowman mentioned an article in the newspaper Monday re enforcement in Lewis Co. Ron Phelix mentioned lots of recent enforcement stops and the Franklin Co. safety committee. They also have rescue equipment available.
 - e. Board of Legislators - Tom Grow. There is a BOL meeting also going on at this time tonight. Our Board appointments will be done at the March 2 meeting.

- f. Grant Committee - No report.
- g. Coordinator Committee - Dawn Howard reported that the committee met and discussed employee vs. contractor status, qualifications, duties, scheduled hours, and in which county dept to house this position.
- h. Evaluation Committee – Bob Dowman. He talked to Bob Diehl about what Lewis County was doing. They currently have no committee, but have developed new forms for evaluation. They plan to use trail counters and registers also.

7. Old Business

- a. Adopt a Trail - Dawn Howard. Progress has been made. The new document is with the County Attorney. It will come to this Board and then to the full Board of Legislators. A safety rule list will be attached.
- b. Time Sheets. Dawn Howard reported that Judy Wendt still has one from last fall.

8. New Business. Stan Hewlett has Jefferson and Lewis County ATV maps. Fort Drum will also be opening up soon.

9. Announcements.

10. Next Meeting is 3/17/09 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

11. Motion to adjourn by Bob Dowman, seconded by Tom Grow, and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard