

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

Minutes for April 21, 2009

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

Guests: John Manson, Ed Long.

Excused: Russell Lawrence, Tom Ortmeyer, Ron Bertram, Steve Papson.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett at the SWCD office.
2. Quorum present (14).
3. Stan Hewlett made a motion to accept the minutes (not notes). Warren Irwin seconded, and all were in favor.
4. Hearings and Comments. No speaker, but Dawn Howard called everyone's attention to the Lewis Co website.
5. Acceptance of Order of Business. Items for Old Business. Items for New Business.
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive - Roger Bennett. He is concerned with attendance. Many people have missed the first three meetings this year. Per the By-laws, they need to be removed. Discussion followed.
 - b. Trail Oversight, GEIS, Mapping – Kermit Blanchard. Met with Bill Dashnaw after the last meeting regarding the map. Bill reported on local laws. There is a meeting with Judy Drabicki of the DEC next week on Easement lands within the Park. Tying in Franklin Co. Discussion on routes.
 - c. Finance – Dawn Howard. No report
 - d. Education & Enforcement – Laura Perry was not here again. Bob Dowman is the new chairperson.
 - e. Board of Legislators - Tom Grow. Things are quiet with nothing happening on the trail or a coordinator. Question on Sylvan Falls Road
 - f. Grant Committee - Judy Wendt not present. No report.
 - g. Coordinator Committee – Deb Christy not present. No report.
 - h. Evaluation Committee – Alex MacKinnon not present. No report. The group wants to look at trails before the season and come up with an assessment policy and plan. Group is Alex, Bob Dowman, and Dave Irish. Aaron Earl gave the group an update on issues in the Postwood Park area.

7. Old Business

- a. Adopt a Trail - Dawn Howard. The County Attorney will be meeting with the County Administrator re Workers Comp and Disability for volunteers. Discussion was held on insurance.
- b. Time Sheets. Dawn Howard reported that Judy Wendt still has one from last fall.
- c. Parishville Road Signs – Per Bill Dashnaw, it is up to the Town to provide these. In discussion with the Town, they would like the County to do it. Bill said that this was possible. Discussion on the grant. Signs need to go up in the next month. Not much money spent yet. Discussion on chainsaw training. Per Dave Irish, the Town of Parishville has some ATV signs up on roads that are not part of the pilot trail system. Bill asked for a list to be compiled to take to the Town.

8. New Business.

- a. Six reappointments were made by the BOL. Francis Sharpstene was never officially appointed originally.
- b. Polaris ATV Grant – Aaron Earl reported that our application was not approved this time. We can resubmit in September. Stan Hewlett reported that Yamaha also has a grant program.
- c. RC&D Recreation Committee – Dawn Howard talked about what the RC&D Project is and what they do. The Recreational Committee is currently looking for new members. No takers at this time.
- d. Board name – Dawn Howard reported that the group should not have changed their name because they were created by a resolution of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. Dave Irish made a motion and Kermit Blanchard seconded, to get a resolution together for Tom Grow to take to the BOL for an official name change from the St. Lawrence County Public and Private Lands Recreational Advisory Board to the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board.

9. Announcements.

- a. Kermit Blanchard now has a computer and e-mail.
- b. The Oversight Committee needs to set a meeting.
- c. There is a question on miles of road being used.
- d. The group needs to look at tax sales

10. Next Meeting is 5/19/09 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

11. Motion to adjourn by Dave Irish, seconded by Tom Grow, and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard