

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

Minutes for December 16, 2008

Present: Dawn Howard, Tom Grow, Warren Irwin, Bill Dashnaw, Judy Wendt, Alex MacKinnon, Kermit Blanchard, Walt Paul, Dave Irish, Tom Ortmeyer, R B Lawrence, Bill Lutz, Deb Christy.

Guest: John Manson.

Unable to Attend: Roger Bennett, Bob Dowman, Aaron Earl, Stan Hewlett, Steve Papson.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice-Chairman Alex MacKinnon at the SWCD office. Copies of the Region 6 ATV Calendar of Events for 2009 were available.
2. Quorum present.
3. No changes to November meeting notes. Request was made to not use abbreviations
4. Hearings and Comments. No invited speakers.
5. Acceptance of Order of Business. Items for Old Business. Items for New Business – add By-laws committee.
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive - Roger Bennett. No report.
 - b. Trail Oversight - Tom Ortmeyer. No report.
 - c. Mapping - Aaron Earl. No report.
 - d. Finance - Dawn Howard. Committee met before the Oct meeting, but Bill Dashnaw would like to schedule a meeting to go over spending some of the funds. The group will meet 1/8/09 at noon at Travel Unlimited. Deb would like a copy of all expenses being submitted. These need to go through the committee.
 - e. Education & Enforcement - Laura Perry. No report.
 - f. Board of Legislators - Alex MacKinnon. Trail Coordinator position needs to be modeled after existing positions in Lewis and Jefferson Counties, etc. Where will the position be housed? What will the funding sources be? What will the position look like? Civil Service goes thru Personnel and the Board of Legislators. It must be a line item in the budget if a County employee.

Form a new committee to get a job description and bring it back to the full board. Develop a vision for the position and a salary. Decide if county position or contract. Position would keep track of Snowmobile grant and look for new grants. Volunteers included: Deb Christy, Tom Grow, Judy Wendt, Warren Irwin, Tom Ortmeyer, Bill Dashnaw. Meeting Thursday, January 8 at 1:00 at Travel Unlimited, 18 Park St. in Canton. Please park in the back.

- g. Grant Committee - Judy Wendt. No report.
- h. General Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) Working Group - Judy Wendt. Group is ready to meet with consultant again. Towns are lined up. Mapping pretty much done. Not as much private land as we would like. Main corridor is pretty much done. Group will meet with the consultant 1/8/09 at Travel Unlimited at 2:30 pm.

7. Old Business

- a. Adopt a Trail. Dawn reported that she needs to send this to the County Attorney before it goes to the Board of Legislators. Bill D. had a question on insurance at the last meeting. People will be covered on county land for comp and liability. Lewis Co. is the same. Bill suggested someone besides the chair sign the agreements.
- b. Time Sheets. Dawn reported that she had not received any changes from Judy or Deb.
- c. Nominating Committee – RB Lawrence. They met and have names to submit for elections in January.

8. New Business.

- a. Tom O. reported for the new By-law committee. There was a handout on potential changes. Discussion was held on why there was no quorum, length of meetings, meeting nights and conflicts. Roger is working on an attendance chart and will contact a few members. Bill D. moved, with RB seconding and all were in favor to vote on the proposed revision at the organizational meeting in January. The two proposed additions were not accepted. We need a copy of the By-Laws for each member. Discussion was held on ad hoc, non-voting, and total members.
- b. Deb Christy with Chamber I Love NY money, had 10,000 postcards sent out re snowmobile maps.
- c. Kermit asked about Chainsaw training. Bill D. reported that the Highway Dept. has a trainer. Need a sign-up sheet. 15 is the maximum, but can do more than one class. Judy Wendt said the ATV group will use their club list and do . Deb Christy reported that the snowmobilers just did one, but they can run again if someone missed. The Black River Resource Conservation and Development Council does these also. There will be something set up in January or February with Highway.
- d. Walt Paul talked with Deb Christy about a snowmobile trail connector on Corridor 8. Deb gave an update on the Town plowing back the road shoulders. Potential sites for bridge discussed. Look at equipment needs and what we need to buy. NYS buying Railroad at Rensselaer Falls. Don't know if motorized vehicles will still be able to use. Grant is for ATV plus other uses. Talked about Enforcement and Education.

9. Announcements. None.

10. Next Meeting is 1/20 /09 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Notes by Dawn Howard