

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

Notes for September 16, 2008

Present: Tom Grow (Acting Chairman), Dawn Howard (Secretary), Ron Bertram, Bill Lutz, Aaron Earl, Judy Wendt, Stan Hewlett, Kermit Blanchard, and Tom Ortmeier.

Guest: John Manson,

Absent Excused: Roger Bennett (Chairman), Alex MacKinnon (Vice Chairman), Steve Papson, and Bob Dowman

Absent: Brian Bullard, Deb Christy, Bill Dashnaw, John Gibbs, David Irish, Russell Lawrence, Walter Paul, Warren Irwin, Laura Perry, Francis Sharptene, Spencer Thew, and Marshall Weekes.

I. Called to Order: No Quorum.

II. No questions on August meeting minutes.

III. Hearings and Comments: No invited guests

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Executive: No report.

B. Trail Oversight: K. Blanchard

1. Signage all done except in Town.
2. Kiosk is up at field, but no maps yet.
3. ATV volunteers will go through the oversight committee.
4. A. Earl reported that he took a ride last week.
 - a. Cobble Rd good.
 - b. A few more signs needed especially on curves and intersections.
 - c. Benson Rd piece needs some signs taken down.
 - d. Russell Turnpike needs slow signs on the back lines.
 - e. Ashton Rd piece may need gravel.
 - f. Cook Rd good, but needs more directions on loop.
 - g. Picketville Rd has an extra loop and could use more signs.
 - h. Clarity needed on intersection.
 - i. Overall pretty good, just a few more signs.
5. T. Ortmeier has 12 metal posts in his garage. J. Wendt can use in Village.
6. J. Wendt reported no problems with town. She lives on trail and there is not too much traffic yet.
7. Map and rules handed out by J. Wendt. Benson Rd has ATV & ski trail signs the same color.

C. Mapping:

1. J. Wendt's 11x14" maps got shrunk to 8 ½ x 11". Good enough for this short motorized traffic season, which will end when hunting season starts (Oct 15th to Dec 7th.)

D. Finance: D. Howard

1. No bills or timesheets yet.
2. J. Wendt had a set she handed in.
3. D. Christy still has a set.
4. D. Howard will call a Finance Committee meeting.

E. Education and Enforcement Committee: No report.

F. Board of Legislators: No report.

G. Grant & GEIS: J. Wendt

1. Met with Barton and Louguidice. Lots of work to do.
2. J. Wendt had a large topographical map from B. Dashnaw on which we need to draw in all riding areas.
3. J. Wendt is assigning ATV clubs areas to work on and is talking to towns.
4. Need other user groups to do the same to list all trails present and anticipated. I.e. hiking and biking. Need to know where everything will be. Get what we have and connect the dots later.
5. K. Blanchard reported that the Oversight Committee is also working on this.
6. S. Hewlett said he is starting on the Rutland line and going to Hopkinton where the roads are open.
7. J. Wendt said that a judge threw out Leyden which had also had roads open for six years.
8. S. Hewlett is looking at one piece of state land and one piece on Route 11.
9. J. Wendt said that we need the map ASAP. It took Lewis County six months to bring it to the public. Start at Franklin County line and give chunks to consultant as we complete to do GEIS. Consultant will help alternatives.
10. R. Bertram asked about the National Park Service grant.
 - a. J. Wendt couldn't make the deadline.
11. Oversight Committee meeting again next Wednesday 9/24, 7 PM at SWCD.

V. Old Business:

- A. Parishville: covered earlier in the meeting.
- B. Adopt a Trail: J. Wendt will get her information to R. Bennett.
- C. Timesheets: Please keep track of everything. Need bills for Kiosk plexiglass.
- D. Brochure/Rules/Maps: S. Hewlett will be handing out at NYSORVA meeting tomorrow night.

VI. New Business:

- A. Work Day Thursday, September 25 at 9 AM in Parishville at the Kiosk. Group will work with A. Earl on signs. T. Ortmeyer will bring posts or get to K. Blanchard.

VII. Announcements:

- A. J. Wendt asked about parking on the landings I.e. #9. May be possible.
- B. Need crossing signs on County Rd by #9 and need signs on Town Rd by Picketville.
- C. Next Board meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2008 at 7 PM at SWCD.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Notes by Dawn Howard