

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

DRAFT Minutes for September 15, 2009

Present: Dawn Howard, Warren Irwin, Bob Dowman, Stan Hewlett, Roger Bennett, Bill Dashnaw, Walt Paul, Judy Wendt, Deb Christy, Ron Bertram, Aaron Earl, Bill Lutz, R B Lawrence, Tom Ortmeyer, Art Wilson, and 1 other.

Guests:

Excused: Tom Grow, Spencer Thew, Kermit Blanchard.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett at the SWCD office.
2. Quorum present. (16)
3. Walt Paul made a motion to accept the minutes. Art Wilson seconded, and all were in favor.
4. Hearings and Comments.
5. Acceptance of Order of Business. Items for Old Business. Items for New Business.
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive - Roger Bennett. No report.
 - b. Trail Oversight, GEIS, Mapping – Tom Ortmeyer. No report.
 - c. Finance – Dawn Howard. No report.
 - d. Education & Enforcement – Bob Dowman. No report.
 - e. Board of Legislators – Alex MacKinnon and Tom Grow. No report.
 - f. Grant Committee - Judy Wendt. No report.
 - g. Coordinator Committee – Deb Christy. Waiting to hear from the County on the new position. Information has been sent out to all of the towns. There is quite a county budget deficit.
 - h. Evaluation Committee – Alex MacKinnon. No report.

7. Old Business.

- a. Maps – Bill Dashnaw. There are still two areas with issues. Someone is working on the agreements in the western part of the county and Walt Paul is working on the east. Need to get digital form of map to Pat Whalen at the DEC for changes in Easement lands in the middle. Walt Paul reported that Deb Christy, Judy Wendt, and he met with Colton and Parishville Town Supervisors re the cross county route through their towns. Also meeting with Brookfield in October re possible parking areas and picnic sites. Two stumbling blocks are Rainbow Falls and Little John.
- b. Trail Evaluation. Please e-mail comments on the revised form to Bob Dowman.
- c. Chainsaw Safety Training Certificates. We are missing some forms from the Massena training. Dawn Howard will look into it.
- d. Roger Bennett reported that we have a potential new member, Erik Backlund. Tom Ortmeyer made a motion to forward the bio sheet to the BOL. Deb Christy seconded and all were in favor.
- e. Roger Bennett signed letters to the Sheriff and DA requesting the donation of needed equipment that may become available through drug seizures.
- f. Dawn Howard reported that she has been working with Neil Seymour of Franklin Co. Tourism re the trail system in Franklin Co.
- g. Dawn Howard asked where hard copies of the working map were and asked for a digital version.
- h. Roger Bennett reminded the Board that certain members terms were coming up. Dawn Howard will check with each to see if they want to remain on the Board and will submit the bio forms to the BOL.
- i. Walt Paul talked about proposed changes to Snowmobile Trails in the ADK Park. He suggested that this was something this group needs to keep an eye on. Deb Christy said our trails in the Forest Preserve area are impacted. We may lose them. Things included in the changes are 8' connector trails and sleds and drags only on secondary trails. Public comment period goes until 9/30. This needs adjustments. Walt Paul requested that Deb Christy get information together and forward it to Roger Bennett to disperse to the Board.

8. New Business.

- a. Warren Irwin inquired about the e-mail re the meeting coming up in Lewis Co. Judy Wendt wondered if this was an effort under an insurance guise by the group opposing the trail system. No one said that they were planning on attending.

9. Announcements.

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

11. Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Howard