

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

**Notes for November 17, 2009**

**Present:** Roger Bennett (Chairman), Aaron Earl (Acting Secretary), Judy Wendt, John Manson, Ed Long, Mary A. Long, Ed Francis, Stan Hewlett, David Irish, Warren Irwin, Pat Whalen, Deb Christy, Art Wilson, Spencer Thew, Tom Ortmeyer, Kermit Blanchard, & Eric Backlund.

**Absent Excused:** Dawn Howard (Secretary), Bill Dashnaw, Tom Grow, RB Lawrence, Bill Lutz, Thomas Grow, Alex MacKinnon, Walt Paul, and Marshall Weeks.

**Absent: n/a**

I. Called to Order @ 7:00

II. Quorum present

III. Judy Wendt made a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes, Deb Christy seconded, and all were in favor.

IV. Comments: none

V. Committee Reports:

A. Executive:

1. Roger Bennett discussed Robert Dowman resignation. David Butler may replace him upon approval by the BoL. Motion by Kermit Blanchard to send application for approval to the Board of Legislators. Seconded by Warren Irwin.
2. Welcomed new RTAB member Eric Backlund.

B. Trail Oversight/GEIS Mapping

1. Judy Wendt:

Mtg.1 for the Blueway Trail Plan Raquette River corridor proposal; opportunity for some nice trails.

Mtg.2 Brookfield Power met with some other associated individuals and discussed ATV trails along their corridor. Land holdings have been reduced significantly. Groups needs a concrete proposal to work on the details for trail use, requested coming back with that proposal.

2. Discussion:

Deb Christy: We need to determine the limiting distances to the dams and other structures before we go ahead on a formal proposal.

C. Finance Committee- no report

D. Education and Enforcement-

1. Eric Backlund recruited for the committee, otherwise no report.

E. Board of Legislators-

1. Vote on the Coordinator Position was a success. May be subject to change...

F. Grant Committee- no report

G. Coordinator Committee- no report

H. Evaluation Committee- no report

VI. Unfinished Business:

1. Art Wilson: discussion of the grant & disbursement.

VII. New Business:

1. Roger Bennett: There will be a new slate of officers in January. Judy will review the By-Laws. Next month a nomination committee will be formed. A copy of By-Laws will be sent (by Judy) to the group for review.
2. Tom Ortmeier: Wishes to remove himself from the Trail Oversight Committee as he feels he has not done it justice.  
A bicycle committee has been formed in Canton, and is working on a bicycle master plan. Tom will forward minutes to the RTAB e-mail list.

VIII. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Motion to adjourn by Dave Irish, and seconded by Warren Irwin.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Notes by Aaron Earl