

Kentucky Rails to Rails Council Board Meeting 9/21/04
6:30 PM – Tuesday 8th floor Conference Room
Lexington Fayette Co. Urban Co. Government Building
Main & Martin Luther King Blvd., Lexington KY
Next Meeting 10/19/04

Present: Scott Southall, Robin Reams, Joe Bramer, Keith Lovan, Dave Kjelby, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Dixie Moore, Tim Powell

1. Treasurer's Report; Joe Bramer submitted a profit and loss statement through Sept 21, 2004. Checking has 2401.81, the Money Market has 20,165.88.
2. Keith Lovan is due to meet with Julian Carroll, who is running for the KY Senate in the 7th district (Democrat). He has meet with a pro bike conference.
3. Keith Lovan asked if contributors could be recognized quarterly in the newsletter. Dixie Moore responded that she is the only volunteer working on the newsletter that this would be impossible at this time; she in turn hopes to have at least once a year contributors recognized and a tax letter sent.
4. Keith Lovan presented his work on getting estimates of the new brochures and presented a mockup. In general it was received favorably with some suggestions. Flat paper was liked more than the glossy for this application. He reports that Cindy Deitz continues to work on updating the display. He reports that Paula Nye can get mailing list from libraries for sending brochures. David Kjelby returned some stationery to the Council which Dixie Moore took for future use. He continues to have brochures.
5. Dixie Moore will be distributing extra newsletters to local libraries.
6. Tim Powell gave a report on his work on the website. He estimated that he does 5-10 hours a month of website maintenance and needs 10 hours per month to improve and update the site. He suggested a move to a more reliable host. The trail projects need to be updated on the website. Dixie Moore to send out email asking for update. Boyd Shear was suggested as a person who could host and manage the site, \$20 per month was mention as a fee. He is to discuss with him that quote.
7. Keith Lovan continues to look into creating more membership benefits. The idea was expressed to donate tote bags to silent auctions of charities for name recognition.
8. Keith Lovan reports that Lee Creech, the state's RT coordinator is working with the three county judges in Breathitt, Johnson and Magoffin to create a three county commission.
9. Tim Powell reported on the recent planning commission in Jessamine County. He stated that the Wilmore High Bridge RT had been added to the county's development plan and then the landowners voiced their opposition so he expects that it will be removed. The next meeting is October 12th. Discussion was had on how to approach this issues; Dixie Moore suggested that more newsletters be sent on a regular basis to key people in the county to keep putting the case for RT in front of them.

10. Dixie Moore volunteered to check the website email. She will get the specifics on how to do that from Bob Strosnider.
11. Keith Lovan reported that Sandy Shafer went to talk to the Farm Bureau and had a positive response. If KRTC has a board member at large who also belongs to the Farm Bureau it was discussed that it would be appropriate at this time to have the person represent himself and not be an official voice for the Farm Bureau.

Background Info

1. The KRTC cycling trip to the Katy Trail (stands for Kansas-Missouri-Texas RR) September 14-18th, 2004 went off without accidents and with much pleasure. The Katy Trail is 225 miles in length from Clinton to St. Charles. 8 people participated. The group rode the Katy Trail from Sedalia Missouri to St. Charles, Missouri, a distance of 190 miles in 4 riding days. Most riders did more than 200 miles on their bikes with the on and offs to the trail.

The group drove 360 miles from Lexington to St. Charles and then rode together in the Walters' SUV for an additional 192 miles from St. Charles to Sedalia. Weather was ideal; in the words of a weatherman, there was "abundant sunshine" while the eastern US was having hurricanes and flooding. 8 people were on the trip, Robin Reams, Don Stosberg, Bob Strosnider, Ted Moss, Dixie Moore and Bonnie and Tom Walters. Michael Vank joined us for the last two days. The riders were from Lexington, Nicholasville, Berea, Frankfort and Cincinnati. The trip was originally planned to have the riders meet in St. Charles, near the eastern end of the trail and ride Amtrak to Sedalia to start; however only 4 bikes per train were allowed. Smaller groups might find this an option. Most of the traveling was done in the Walters SUV which could seat 8 and which pulled a trailer holding the bikes and luggage. Without the help of Bonnie and Tom Walters the trip would not have been as comfortable and pleasant and they deserve many thanks. They carried the luggage in the SUV/trailer between each night's lodging and transported riders and bikes when needed to and from trail heads and the motels. Two nights the closest motels to the trail were on the other side of the very wide Missouri across long narrow bridges not make for bike traffic. In the mornings the Walters would drive to that night's lodging and then they would ride "out and back" on the trail and meet the rest of the group. This also gave the rest of the riders the option of riding "out and back" rather than doing the entire day's planned mileage allowing the trip to accommodate a variety of cycling skills and stamina. The less strong riders could enjoy the trail at their pace and the stronger riders could explore at theirs. Digital cameras were used freely and many pictures were taken, particularly of how the trail is made to accommodate farm access. There was next to no litter on the trail or signs of vandalism and the only fences appeared to be where there was livestock. Pictures of the trip in the next few weeks should be posted to the website. The excellent guide book The Complete Katy Trail Guide Book by Brett Dufur was used to plan the trip and each day's stops.

2. KRTC had a booth at the Winchester Pioneer Days, Saturday and Sunday over Labor Day Weekend. Jon Waller set up the borrowed BCC tent up. Booth sitters were John Schoen, Marcy Westenhoefer, Robin Reams, Kenny Book, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Shanda Cecil, Rebecca McNall, Todd R Chapman and Shanna Taylor. At times there was only one person at the booth and Kenny Book filled two slots; in the future we should have

two people for each two hour shifts. 149 people signed the petition. The petition said, "I support Kentucky Rails to Trails Council in their goal of educating the public about railtrails and the "conservation of greenways and rail rights of way in KY by the conversion of such holdings to trail use for the general public." I further support the conversion of the abandoned CSX right of way in Fayette, Clark and Montgomery Counties into a shared use rail trail by means other than public condemnation. "\$45 was received in donations and \$30 for the sale of two t shirts. The booth had great location and visibility.

3. Keith Lovan, Jodie Wells and Jeanette Coufal met with Harold Fletcher, Republican, who is running for the Representative seat that includes Anderson and Woodford County. They are planning to meet with Julian Carroll, the Democratic candidate.

4. Sandy Shafer met with the Fayette County Farm Bureau 9/16/04 and gave a short presentation. She reports that the Fayette County group wants to remove the statement about the opposition to rail trails in their policy handbook and are supportive at the local level. She met Phil Meyer who is a cyclist, a member of the Farm Bureau and a farmer and is interested in serving on the board.

5. Received information from the Good Foods Coop on their Give Where You Live program. Each month the co-op will partner with a local non-profit organization to raise both money for and awareness of the group's work in the community. During the designated month for your organization:

- A profile in the co-op's newsletter
- An educational display in the store provided by the organization.
- An opportunity for members of the organization to meet our shoppers.
- Donations of \$1, \$3 and \$5 (or more) by shoppers at the register.
- At month's end, the co-op will add 25% to the total amount collected and present it to the organization.

Local organizations with a 501C3 non-profit status are eligible. Must ensure that donated money will stay in the community.

Dixie Moore sent in an application to Ann Marx, Owner Services Director, 278-1813, ext. 244 or annm@goodfoods.coop.