

Kentucky Rails to Rails Council Board Meeting 11/16/04

6:30 PM – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room

Lexington Fayette Co. Urban Co. Government Building

Main & Martin Luther King Blvd., Lexington KY

Next Meeting: January 1/18/05

Present: Jeanette Coufal, Cheryl Wyatt, Phil Meyer, Todd Geddes, Keith, George Ely, Dixie Moore, Cindy Deitz, Kimberly Clay ( KY Department of Tourism, Cultural Heritage Tourism Director), April Haight.

Keith Lovan chaired the meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of consensus items
3. Treasurers Report-No report

Old Business:

4. License plates – no discussion
5. Brochure – a final draft of the brochure was shown. Discussion was to use recyclable paper since more in line with the KRTC stance i.e. we recycle trails. Voted by consensus to order 5000 with Keith Lovan to make the final choice re: details of paper quality and picture quality. Changes that were made to the brochure were addition of “miles” as an identifier and the removal of some outdated trails projects and addition of new projects.
6. Decals – The Board voted by consensus to order 1000 large size static decals at \$880.00 for promotions. Also discussed was ordering some vinyl decals at a later date. This subject to be revisited in May 2005.
7. Display Board – no report/discussion
8. Web master services. – Keith Lovan presented his discussion with Boyd Shear re: having a secure website (hackers then can not get into the site, first step in being able to accept donations on line), redesign and maintain the website. The Board voted to contract with Boyd Shear to do up to 15 hours of initial redesign work and 3 months of monthly maintenance which includes hosting the website on a secure server. Monthly maintenance that includes hosting is \$100/mon for 3 hours, \$50/hour for additional web design. KRTC’s goal is to have the website up to date and running by year’s end. Would want to include the updated website as a positive event in mailings.

New Business:

9. Follow up on recommendations from Board Orientation – Keith Lovan handed out SWOT Analysis and notes from the Board Orientation meeting in 5/14/03.. To be discussed at the next meeting.
10. Corporation Sponsorships- Membership benefits: discounts, membership card – Jeanette Coufal, Scott and Keith met and developed a rough proposal for having advertisements in the newsletter. The idea was met with a positive reaction however was suggested that the size of ads be downsized given the few pages in the newsletter.
11. Discussion was had on changing the meeting night to the third Monday next year since several people cannot attend regularly on a Tuesday. This was approved. Keith Lovan noted that KRTC meetings are listed on GTV-3 TV station. (Info obtained after the meeting: The following dates have been reserved for the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room., Jan 18 Tuesday (Monday MLK Day), Feb 15 Tuesday (Presidents’ Day), Mar 21 Monday, Apr 18 Monday, May 16 Monday, Jun 20

Monday, Jul 18 Monday, Aug 15 Monday, Sep 19 Monday, Oct 17 Monday, Nov 21 Monday.

12. Possible Field Trips to Tyrone Rail Trail, Floyd County, Mammoth Cave &, Johnson, Breathitt, Magoffin County were discussed. Discussion was to have one field trip per quarter perhaps followed by a potluck and invite the Judge Exec's and representatives of parks and other agencies as well as KRTC interested members. First Field trip is scheduled for Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat and the backup day if bad weather is January 22<sup>th</sup> to Floyd County. Contact person for field trip to Johnson, Breathitt and Magoffin County is Lauren Thomas
13. On November 19<sup>th</sup> a representative from Parsons Brinckerhoff will visit the Young's' High Bridge and give a preliminary estimate on cost of a final estimate of structural soundness and repairs if needed. Several Board members may accompany and be present.
14. Pennyrile Board Representation: Tom Hayes was voted by consensus to be an at large Board Member from the Pennyrile Area.
15. Mentioned was a recent abandonment in Logan County. No details know at present.
16. Received request for speaker for the State Physical Activity Conference for Public Health Practitioners to be held in Lexington February 15-17 at Griffin Gate. Cheryl Wyatt and Dixie Moore expressed interested in doing a presentation. . Mary Singler, M.Ed., CHES who made the request is the chair of the Kentucky Physical Activity Committee (a State committee through the KY Dept. of Health) and a public health staff practitioner in Northern Kentucky. The conference is targeted to public health staff currently working in local health departments who are responsible for increasing physical activity in their communities. Contact: Mary Singler, M.Ed., CHES, Health Promotion Manager > Northern Kentucky Health Department, 2388 Grandview Avenue, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017, 859-363-2083
17. . Brief discussion was had that possible funds for signs for trails could be obtained from SEDKA, Southeast Kentucky Development Association, headquartered in Somerset. Kim Clay to send contact information to the secretary.
18. Reported that Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties have filed railbanking papers for the 36 mile abandonment in their counties.
19. April Haight gave a brief report that they are working on getting 3 miles of railtrail on the cross along a levee that connects the Northfork RR right of way back to the CSW right of way.
20. Next scheduled event will be December 21, 2004. 7 PM. Potluck at Keith Lovan's House. Next meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday.

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Background Information.



1. KRTC Decal-Cheryl Wyatt, reporting  
Last month, the board requested some changes on the style and format of the decal. The newest version is below. **Board members are asked to consider options prior to the meeting and be prepared to make a decision on size and quantity.**

**An order needs to be placed as soon as possible in order to have them by the end of the calendar year.**

Prices on the two styles of stickers.

	Static Decals			Vinyl Decals		
	250	500	1,000	250	500	1,000
2"x3-1/2"	\$1.87	\$1.03	\$0.60	\$2.12	\$1.19	\$0.74
	\$468	\$515	\$600	\$530	\$595	\$740
2-3/4"x4-3/4"	2.79	\$1.52	\$0.88	\$2.55	\$1.44	\$0.86
	\$698	\$760	\$880	\$638	\$720	\$860

This is for a white background with three colors on each. The static stickers have the "static" part on the front of the decal so it would affix to the inside of the glass. The vinyl decal is also white and affixes on top of a smooth surface.

2. There is a new railtrail in the making in Kentucky. The Mammoth Cave Railroad Bike and Hike Trial in Barren and Edmonson Counties. It will be approximately 8.5 miles long when completed. It uses as much of the abandoned grade from the Mammoth Cave Railroad grade as possible. The Mammoth Cave Railroad carried passengers and freight between the main L&N line at Park City, Kentucky and Mammoth Cave from the 1880s until about 1930. About 40% of the grade was obliterated by highway construction in the 1960s. The trail will be able to use most of the remaining grade. It will extend from the Mammoth Cave Hotel, where Engine #4 and a combine coach are displayed at the original terminus, to connect with the existing trail system in Park City to the original junction. Interpretive signs will be part of the project.

The project consists of four segments. They have funding for segments 3 and 4 in the form of a donation from National Park Concessions, Inc. (NPCCI). The funding for segments 1 and 2 is uncertain at this point. Henry Holman, Management Assistant in the Mammoth Cave National Park is the co-chair of the project along with Jim Carroll, Chief of External Programs. Other persons involved are Mark Rich as the project manager for construction, and Steve Kovar as the park Facility Manager. You can contact Henry Holman at 270-758-2187, 270-758-2349 fax, Henry\_Holman@nps.gov.

3, The abandonment request by RJ Corman for the 36 mile ROW in Breathitt, Johnson and Magoffin Counties was filed on Nov 5, 2004. Comments are due by Dec. 6th.

4. Todd Geddes and Keith Lovan went to Morehead on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> to talk to the Morehead Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks to April Haight of the Daniel Boone Rails to Trails Association for arranging the opportunity. Todd and Keith talked about what Kentucky Rails to Trails Council is doing in Kentucky to a packed room at Reno's Steakhouse in Morehead. The audience was particularly interested in the section of the Lexington Big Sandy that would go through Morehead and Rowan County.

## 5. Draft of Accomplishments for RT in KY in 2004

The 5th Rail-Trails and Greenways biannual state wide conference was held May 14th and 15th, 2004 at the Galt House in Louisville. The conference theme was Quality of Life through partnerships. The University of Kentucky Prevention Research Center was a co-sponsor.

Supported the Kentucky Horse Council in their request to fund the Recreation Trails Program at the national level and to specifically state that equestrian use be one of the "allowable activities". Kentucky Horse Council also has indicated their willingness to give local instate grants for trails that incorporate horse usage.

Gave financial and logistical support for the creation of the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company as a local nonprofit organization to work to preserve Young's High Bridge between Woodford and Anderson Counties and the adjoining 2.8 right of way from Lawrenceburg to the bridge. Supported financially their railbanking of the right of way and the successful nomination of Young's High Bridge for the National Register of Historic Places

Joined the League of American Bicyclists to obtain insurance that covers club meetings, conventional fundraisers and recreational bike rides that are for club members and invited guests and require no entry fee.

While KRTC has yet to have any funded positions, executive or clerical, KRTC has an active Board of 7 officers, 8 at large board members, 3 voting representatives of trail groups and a legal advisor.

The Muhlenberg County Trail was officially dedicated. It has a caboose as an exhibit hall and outdoor lights. Muhlenberg Rail Trail was selected Railtrail of the month (May) by the National Railtrail Conservancy.

Financial support was given to the Pennyryle Turkey Trot (a running event) whose proceeds go toward creation of a railtrail in Hopkins County.

KRTC had its first social function, an open house at the home of Jeanette Coufal and Greg Brock on Saturday March 6th.

KRTC had its first touring event for pleasure and to learn more about rural railtrails. . On September 14-18<sup>th</sup> 8 members rode 190 miles of the Katy Trail (stands for Kansas-Missouri-Texas RR) from Sedalia to St. Charles Missouri.

RT information was distributed at regional events in Central Ky. Booths were staffed at the Lexington July 4<sup>th</sup> Red, White and Blue Festival and the Winchester Pioneer Days over Labor Day weekend. KRTC had a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade entry with 32 participants and the Jodie Wells' "Truckomotive", a 1 ton Ford 350 outfitted with under hood air and locomotive chimes and whistles. Signs of KRTC, BRTF (Bluegrass RT) and DBRT (Daniel Boone, Morehead) were displayed. At Pioneer Days a petition supporting local railtrails was signed by 147 people and later presented to the Clark County Fiscal Court. KRTC sponsored a National Trail Day (6/5/04) cycling and walking event.

Speakers from KRTC presented at events throughout the state including the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers in Owensboro, the Fayette County Farm Bureau, and the Morehead Chamber of Commerce. Representatives of KRTC met with the Joint Legislative Committee Meeting on Economic Development and Tourism to discuss rail trails.

Bob Strosnider, Chairman of KRTC from 200 to 2004 was nominated for a LOVE award given by the United Way of the Bluegrass honoring outstanding volunteers

Representatives of KRTC have meet with the County Judges in Johnson, Magoffin, and Breathitt Counties as they considered how to respond to the 36 mile railroad abandonment in their counties

KRTC helped solicit volunteers for the Mammoth Cave National Park trail project work days.

Carter County has applied for a Recreation Trails Program grant of \$50,000 to build the first phase of the Olive hill to Lawton rail trail.

The Kentucky Abandoned Railroad Corridor Inventory was placed on the internet at [www.Kyrailbeds.com](http://www.Kyrailbeds.com). The Kentucky Transportation center at the University of Kentucky did the research under state funds.