

..KRTC Board Meeting August 15, 2005

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cindy Deitz, George Ely, Eddie Farrey, Keith Lovan, Dixie Moore

1. Consensus Items were accepted. Keith Lovan to check with Transportation Center as to why the highway department has not kept the abandoned railroad inventory on their server.
2. Treasurers Report: Monthly Income/Expense Report : approved. The total net income for the year is (2,152.34). Current account balances are: Savings:101.28, hecking: 4,472.20, Money Mkt: 15,461.48.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Web Site update: Boyd Shearer has not sent Keith Lovan a report of their number of hits for this month. Keith to ask for a report. Information to update the website is sent to Boyd about every two weeks by Keith. ,
 - b. Display board: The board is at the Jackson City library. Helga Yates will be bringing it back to Lexington to use at the Winchester Pioneer Days over Labor Day. At Eddie Farrey's suggestion it will then go to the Madison Co. Library. Some discussion was had about getting a second board so our message could have more visibility across the state.
 - c. Corporate Sponsorships- no report.
 - d. Audit – Joe Bramer is on vacation this week in Florida. He reported prior to the meeting that he met with Bud Watson from Dean, Orton and Ford and has given all financials for KRTC to him. They will review, offer any suggestions, and present with a position once completed. It should be finished by the next board meeting.
 - e. Dawkins Line update. Keith Lovan reported that there have been meetings of some legislators. Sen. Buford and Rep. Edmonds were mentioned. A feasibility plan is needed as a first step. Some of the local people in the counties (names mentioned were Walter Begley, Martin Douthitt, and Laura Thomas) are interested in starting a nonprofit. It was mentioned that the national RT Conservancy does feasibility study. Keith Lovan to talk to Chris Abbot of the national RTC and Jodie McDonald in the office of local development (GOLD) re: a study.
 - f. 2006 Conference Planning- The theme is Building Trails for a Healthier KY. Location is Four Points Sheraton, on Newton Pike in Lexington, outside of I-65. Originally the contract was for the 10th and 11th and 25 rooms were reserved. This information was put on the website. The hotel however had double booked the room for that weekend so offered a better room rate of \$65.00 for speakers plus 2 complimentary room. The new dates for the conference are Feb 17 and 18.

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Prevention Center has pledged \$5000 toward the conference. The conference

committee at this time is Kim Miller (UK Prevention Center), Scott Southall and Keith Lovan. Dan Burden has been suggested as a speaker who talks on walkable communities. Other names were suggested as speakers. Also

suggested were to try to partner with the KY trails association, the KY Horse Council and Don Stosberg of the KY Recreation and Parks Society.

- g. Wilcher/Host meeting - no information
 - h. Virginia Creeper Rail Trail Group Trip – was a success, see consensus agenda. KRTC to send out follow up letters telling about the trip experience to those who were invited prior to the trip, a mix of approximately 60 local and regional officials, local supporters and land owners.
 - i. Share the Road license plate. The initiative has met their quota to get the plate. KRTC to send thank you notes to Allison Smith and John Sensing of John's Running Shop for their efforts.
 - j. Bluegrass Energy Expo is Sept 24 and 25 – KRTC has registered for a booth. Eddie and Kristen Farrey to coordinate and staff the booth. Volunteers can email Eddie Farrey at Eddie.Farrey@ky.gov.
4. New Business:
- a. Todd Geddes and Jeanette Coufal have resigned from the board. Todd has taken a new job with more time demands and Jeanette and her husband Greg Brock are going to Pakistan for a year of service. KRTC thanks both of them for their energetic and very helpful work as Board Members. Thank you notes to be sent.
 - b. Eddie Farrey made the suggestion of creating and purchasing another display board to use throughout the state at festivals, expos, libraries.
 - c. Keith Lovan asked that KRTC share its mailing list for central KY with the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company who anticipate sending out a mailing. Jodie Wells and Keith Lovan met with Senator Carroll and Tami Vater, the new executive director of Economic Tourism Office in Lawrenceburg. They are planning a get together with the County Judge and to hold a reception at the Wild Turkey distillery.
- C. Report from MATAg- Eddie Farrey was KRTC's representative accompanied by Kris who also attended the conference at her own expense. Eddie talked briefly about the "right to reactivation of an abandoned line" which refers to an entity asking for financial assistance to assist a railroad to remain in business. He referred to a motion by the court that could be made that would give this right to an entity. He has been asked to write an article for the newsletter and/or website.
- Eddie accepted this year's individual and project award for Kentucky given to Judge Kirtley of Muhlenberg County and to the Muhlenberg County RT. Suggested was a trip by KRTC board members to given the award to Judge Kirtley in person and also a trip to the Mammoth Cave RT project.
- c. Several requests were discussed at this meeting re: sharing mailing lists with affiliated groups. As policy it was decided that KRTC mailing lists can routinely be shared with other nonprofit RT and trail affiliates within the state. Specifically identified were the local RT groups that KRTC has sponsored and encouraged to

organize.

d. Kenize Nelson, the bicycle coordinator for Fayette County has created a website for bicycling information on the LFUCG website. She has asked for the email list of KRTC members in Fayette County. Approved.

e. Eddie Farrey is investigating the possibility of a RT in Madison County along Tates Creek Rd. He asked for the names and addresses of RT supporters and KRTC members in Madison County. Approved.

f. UK Fusion is a UK sponsored activity for incoming students that has them do group community work. They will be working on a local RT project. On August 22 the groups will cut honey suckle on Brighton East railbed. Transy students are going to cut honeysuckle on August 31st They will work for 4 hours and have a break for lunch. Keith Lovan to organize

g. Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2005. Note this represents the change to the 3rd Monday.