

KRTC Board Meeting, September 17, 2007

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Mark Yanik, Charlotte Conn , cconn@usdf.org, Cheryl and Steve Wyatt, Kris and Eddie Farrey, Keith Lovan (Chair) , George Ely, Robin Reams, Dixie Moore

1. Consensus Items and Calendar posted on the website were reviewed.
2. Treasurer's Report. Dave Kjelby, the outgoing treasurer had submitted a statement of financial income and expense and financial position for August 2007. It was moved and seconded to accept his reports. Total contributions, primarily memberships was \$1,011.85; expenses were 978.31 of which \$592.00 were for t-shirts to be used as promotional items. Steve Wyatt will be assuming the position of Treasurer.
3. Cheryl Wyatt discussed plans for the Monon Trip scheduled for the weekend of October 27th. She was unable to find a block of motel rooms near the trail head for under \$100 due to other events. Consensus was to postpone this trip to a spring 2008 date. Supporters who might want to visit a trail were directed to the trips posted on the calendar for October organized by the Madison Co. group and the Little Mount Trail Commission who will go to the Virginia Creeper and the Loveland Trail.
4. Dixie Moore reported on Carolyn Kenton's request to arrange a meeting between the United Mountain Horse Organization that borders the CSX corridor in Clark Co and representatives of KRTC and BRTF.
5. EarthJAM_10_4 Co-Sponsor Invite This is a "Green Music Event " at the Kentucky Theater Oct. 4th, 2007 in Lexington. No fee. The concert will be by the Bluegrass Collective, Danny Hess and others, MC'd by Eric Sutherland, Great Local Music and Green Local Groups, \$5 Tickets. Cheryl Wyatt has agreed to be a representative for KRTC at this event; Dixie Moore to provide backup. The representative is to announce the group's mission and how to join. The focus is to promote all the local Green (Earth Loving) Groups. There will be a 30 min slot for Announcing Group Name, Mission, Contact and *Actions* one can participate in. Sponsored by GreenLex.org, student groups UK Greenthumb and Transy's TERRA, The Healthways, LexCoolCity.org, SustainLex.org, PRIDE, Bluegrass Energy and Green Living Expo, and other local Green Groups. Contact Rick Gersony, Fax: 859.225.6401, Phone: 859.225.6400, rick@medmovie.com.
6. Web Site Update - the Secretary continues the process of updating the information.
7. Display boards – the two boards are not scheduled for any events at this time. Cindy Deitz continues to work on updating the maps for use on the boards.
8. Corporate Sponsorships – no new information
9. Keith Lovan indicated that Jon Walker of the Bluegrass Rails to Trails Foundation is willing to have BRTF sponsor a clean up day on the Brighton East Rail Trail in Fayette Co. KRTC and BRTF will be asking for volunteers to head up and participate on this project. The clean up will be done on a Saturday morning. Section of the trail are heavily overgrown with Japanese bush honey suckle. Lexington Fayette Urban County Government is willing to provide tools and dispose of the material removed. This is a needed service that could generate positive publicity. Tentative dates are Saturday Oct 20th or Saturday Oct 27th.
10. KY League of Cities KLC Convention & Expo 2007, Oct 10-13. *"Discover the Experience"*. There will be Cracker Barrel Sessions- on Oct 12, 9-11, 30 min sessions. Mark Yanik will represent KRTC at

this event. Keith Lovan to inquire if Sandy Shafer would like to attend and also represent KRTC.
http://www.klc.org/news_detail.asp?article=864&bct=Home/KLC%20News

11. It was voted and approved to send Steve Wyatt as KRTC's representative to the third Mid America Trails & Greenways Conference December 9-12, 2007, Chicago, Illinois. Organized by national, state, regional and local agencies and organizations from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. Total cost for the representative trip will be close to \$1000. Jodie McDonald is on the planning committee.

12. Cheryl Wyatt to meet with Ron Schneider who attended the thunderhead Alliance in Louisville this fall to present at the KRTC board meeting either in October or November.

13. The new Eastern Kentucky Comprehensive Adventure Tourism Plan was presented. It was suggested to focus their attention on the potential of the Dawkins Line being converted to a RT. Keith Lovan had talked to Rep. Teddy Edmonds (Democrat, District 91) from Breathitt County who said he is 110% behind the project, Representative Edmonds indicated that the purchase price of \$500,000 is still available having been appropriated by the legislature. Suggestion was made to start working with LRC to perhaps make it a state park if the three county governing body appears to be unworkable.

14. Keith Lovan has sent letters out to the gubernatorial candidates asking for their positions on RT and greenways. Hopefully their responses will be available for the next newsletter before the election.

15. Keith Lovan reported on recent discussions and a train ride that was taken by Mayor Newberry, Vice Mayor Jim Gray, Rep. Ben Chandler, Van Meter Petit (Town Branch Trail) and R.J. Corman over the active line between Versailles and Lexington that is owned by R. J. Corman. The discussion was on the feasibility of having a rail with trail along the line that would connect from the Town Branch Trail in Lexington to Versailles and then to Young's High Bridge on the Woodford/Anderson County line. The corridor length from Lexington to Young's High Bridge, also known as Tyrone Bridge, is 24 miles. At present there are one to two freight trains scheduled per day over the line between Versailles and Lexington. The Mayor has asked Keith Lovan to prepare a brief on the pros and cons of having either a rail trail or a rail with trail on the line. There are several steep cuts and trestles that would require additional costs for either use. Questions were posed as to how to gauge the cost and then the economic gain and attractiveness of such a conversion in the local communities and counties. Keith Lovan to talk to the Bluegrass ADD and local governments in the three counties to make them aware of this possible plan and to begin the process of assessing its feasibility.

Ideally if there is interest then a grassroots organization would be the forum where initial plans, routes, etc could be discussed and formulated. Suggestion was made that the nonprofit Tyrone Bridge and Rail Trail Company could expand its role to represent the 24 mile long corridor.

Jodie Wells of the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Co. and Keith Lovan and Cheryl Wyatt tentative plan to talk to the Anderson Co Fiscal Court on Oct 2 at 10 am and then the Lawrenceburg City Council on Oct 8th at 7 pm about future plans for Young's High Bridge. Tammy Vater who is with the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is working to set up the meetings. Suggestion was made to invite representatives of Woodward and Fayette County to the Anderson County Fiscal Court and City Council meetings.

Next meeting is Oct 15th.