

KRTC Board Meeting Minutes

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

October 20, 2008

Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cheryl & Steve Wyatt, Bill Montgomery, Ollie McCormick, Keith Lovan, Cindy Deitz

Present by Conference Call: Dixie Moore, Ginny Grulke, Ron Schneider, and Leslie Flanders

1. Background Information was briefly reviewed. This information is available on the website or is included in the body of the minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Income/Expense Report. Steve Wyatt, Treasurer, submitted a statement of income and expense and financial position ending September 30, 2008. Steve pointed out that while usually there is a drop in donations and memberships this time of year; there was for the first time no donations or memberships received in the last 30 days. Current balance in checking was 5880.27 and balance in Money Market is 22,138.43. The report was accepted and approved. Phyllis Hasbrouck reviewed the checks written and the checking and money market statements and found them in agreement with the report.

Old Business

3. Website update – Dixie Moore, secretary and Boyd Shearer, webmaster, continue to work to update information re: trail organizations and projects on the website and to improve site navigation. The sponsors' site has been updated to reflect current corporate sponsorships
4. Display board – Luzia Foster to return display used in Junction City to Keith Lovan
5. Corporate sponsorships – no news. Bill Montgomery volunteered to brainstorm re: possible sponsors.
6. Dawkins Update - Suggestion was made by Dixie Moore that KRTC could offer as an incentive \$50.00 to a in county charity for every trip to a rail trail taken by a Johnson Co. fiscal court member. A picture could be sent to KRTC documenting the trip. During the discussion it was suggested that the offer be extended to the other two counties as well, Johnson and Magoffin Counties. No decision was made since the exact number of the fiscal court members was not known and it was thought best to solicit input from the Johnson Co. Judge before proceeding. (Each county has a fiscal court of three members plus the Judge Executive.) Possible organization of a visit to an Ohio railtrail or the Virginia creeper was discussed. One suggestion was that since KRTC and some local groups have organized similar trips in the past with low attendance from county officials that first there should be interest from local county officials and then arrange KRTC involvement.
7. Nominations – Cheryl Wyatt presented the following information. The following trail representative and members at large are in the middle of their two year term which goes to 2009.
Members are Large:
Barren River Region - Helen Tyson Siewers, Bowling Green, 2009
Bluegrass Region - Eddie Farrey, Richmond, 2009
Bluegrass Region - Robin Reams, Berea, 2009
KIIPDA Region - Ron Schneider, Louisville, 2009

Trail Representatives

High Bridge RT - Tim Powell, Wilmore, 2009

Lake Cumberland RT, -Marc Travis, Somerset, 2009

Muhlenberg Co. RT - Becky Keith, Greenville, 2009

Cheryl moved that the board accept the following list of nominations with the stipulation that additional nominations to fill the other positions will be done at a later time.

Mt. Sterling Montgomery County Trail Commission –Bill Montgomery, 2010
Gateway Region, Ollie McCormick, 2010

The following Board Members have agreed to continue to serve and were nominated.

Keith Lovan, Chair
Cindy Deitz, Vice President for technical assistance
Cheryl Wyatt, Vice President for relations/advocacy
Dixie Moore, Secretary, historian, newsletter editor
Steve Wyatt, Treasurer

It was voted and approved to include the Kentucky Horse Council as a group deserving trail representation. Ginny Grulke, the Executive Director of The Kentucky Horse Council will be the Trail Representative, 2010.

Those Trail Representative and Member at large whose terms expire in 2008 and who remain interested and available for serving on the board will be contacted to see if they wish to continue. They include

April Haight, Morehead for the Daniel Boone RT; Jodie Wells, Versailles for the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Trail Co.; Ashli Collins, Oldham County for the Greenways of Oldham Co.; Phillip Meyer, Lexington for the Bluegrass Region and Ben Bishop, Villa Hills for the Northern Kentucky Region.

Kim Schippers, Hopkinsville was suggested as a Trail Representative from the Pennyrile RT group. Other names of active RT supporters in their local communities across the state were suggested.

Keith will check with Sandy Shafer and Bill Gorton to see if they wish to continue on the board.

New Business:

8. Annual Meeting. The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) annual conference will be November 22 in Lexington at the Crowne Plaza. Discussion was to have the KRTC annual meeting on their site. Dinner and registration at the KHC conference is \$25.00. Depending on the cost of the room, KRTC members could register for a lesser fee and not attend the dinner. **KRTC will also conduct a presentation about rail trails.** Many thanks to Ginny Grulke for suggesting this arrangement. Ginny Grulke to work with Keith Lovan to facilitate this plan.

9. Ginny Grulke presented information on the newly formed Kentucky Recreational Trails Association, KRTA which was organized following passage of House Bill 196 and the creation of the Adventure Tourism initiative. Ginny is the Executive Director of KRTA. Suggestion was made to solicit interest from RT supporters to involve their participation in the working groups. The working groups of that association are:

1. Strategic Development: Defining long term goals, the need for standards and performance criteria, and defining what the ongoing role of the KY Recreational Trails Authority is in for the KY trail system.
2. Funding: Proposing a system or systems of sustainable funding to support the creation and maintenance of a trail system in KY
3. Safety and Education: Ensuring that trail environment is safe and that users employ safe uses of the trails; also defining needs for public education in all areas of trail use.
4. Pilot Project: Definition of a sample project to take from beginning to end, in order to test all of the aspects of the KRTA plans, from private landowner leases, to trail building, signage, accessibility, promotion and infrastructure.
5. Liability: Addressing concerns of private landowners regarding liability; educating the public about the protection already existing in the KY statutes; possibly looking at insurance solutions for cases where statutes are not sufficient. (ie. Such as when there is a fee charged for use of the trail)
6. Information research and mapping: Collecting data necessary for documenting trails (such as mapping), researching other states' models when needed by KRTA, and requesting research be done when no data is available (such as economic models for trails in KY)

Each Workgroup has a chair who schedules the conference calls. There should be an October conference call (or early November), then my guess is December will be skipped and there will be more in January.

10. Next meeting will be the annual meeting in November TBA.