

Minutes of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup May 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup (NAW) was called to order by Chair Nancy Krupiarz at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2015, at the Constitution Hall Building, 525 West Allegan, 5th Floor Lansing MI 48933 and via conference call. The following members were present:

*Nancy Krupiarz, Chair
Andrea Ketchmark
Dennis Hansen*

*Via Phone
Emily Meyerson
Carol Fulsher*

The following member(s) were absent: Mary Bohling

The following Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Parks and Recreation Division (PRD), Liaisons were present: *Kristen Bennett, Paul Yauk, Claire Stevens from MDOT was also present.*

Members of the Public: Ann Milne, Lynne Brown (LeCheneaux Bike Path Committee), Brindley Bird (Michigan Mountain Biking Assoc., Mid-Michigan Chapter), Matt Pegouskie (Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Chair Krupiarz called the meeting to order and extended a welcome. Introductions of the NAW members and others followed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Lynne Brown wanted to know how to get their trail completed. Discussion commenced on who good UP contacts were for her. Her biggest concern is how to fund the trail. How can they get funding for historic bridges?

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the May 13, 2015 Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Ketchmark moved to approve the May 13, 2015 Agenda of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fulsher and it carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Ketchmark moved to approve the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyerson and it carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION UPDATES

April 7, 2105 MTAC – Chair Krupiarz

Ms. Krupiarz updated the group on the last MTAC meeting.

Sarah Nicholls was appointed representing Travel Michigan and Equestrians

Jim Duke- Snowmobiling

Drew Youngdyke- Non Motorized

Update on the IBT- Scout Day June 6. Will have over 2000 scouts hiking the hiking route

Presentation on the trails mapping pilot project in Marquette

Bicycle Tourism marketing plan- Sarah Nicholls

North Country National Scenic Trail update- Andrea Ketchmark

3 national forest crossings on the IBT trail – Eric Sandino

DNR Staff Reorg in Trails Section

Trails Plan Refocus

Next MTAC meeting July 6, 2015

Iron Belle Trail Planning Efforts – Kristen Bennett, Nancy

8.5 million in MDOT projects on the IBT.

Calendar of events that advertise the IBT events.

SEMCOG planning a regional meeting for existing trail pieces on the IBT for July.

Meetings continue to occur with communities in the gap areas.

Interactive Map is complete and on the Webpage

Grant Application is out to communities, due June 1, 2015.

\$350,000 has been promised from the General Fund for 2016.

Fundraising is starting and Bill Johnson working on raising the funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Framework for Trail Funding- Chair Krupiarz

Put on Hold for next meeting

MTGA is looking into how the law to explore privatizing the Michigan Civilian

Conservation Corps can be implemented for trails.

Refine the Definition of state-wide trails network- Kristen Bennett

Discussion on what the definition of the Statewide trails network should be for the Pure Michigan Rules

NEW BUSINESS

Debrief -All Trails Legislative Day, April 28, 2015 - Chair Krupiarz

Ms. Krupiarz reported on the Legislative Day. She brought metrics and comments from the day. We had 118 participants, categorized as follows: 40 multi-use, 25 equestrian, 15 hiking, 8 water, 8 ORV, 7 mountain bike, and 7 snowmobile representatives. There were 83 meetings with legislators and dropped off a folder of trail information to all offices. Committee members who participated thought that the captains need to be better trained and organized. It was suggested that the event could be done every other year.

Comprehensive trails plan - Chair Krupiarz

Put on hold till next meeting.

NAW MEMBER REPORTS

Andrea-

Ms. Ketchmark discussed the NCST and the new staff they are bringing on. They will soon have a marketing coordinator, Michigan Regional Trail Coordinator, and their NPS partner is replacing Jeff McCusker with Chris Loundenslager as Trail Manager. Nancy added that they are working with a consultant in Calhoun County to do an Optimum location review for the intersection of the IBT/ NCST/ Calhoun Cross County Trail/ Great Lake to Lake Trail.

Emily-

Ms. Meyerson informed the group that construction in Emmett County from Alanson to Mackinaw would occur this summer. This will finish the Great Lake to Lake Trail in this area.

Otsego County Rail with Trail has been languishing for years (Gaylord to Waters). With the coming of the Iron Belle Trail and the Governor's initiative on Trails, it looks like the door has been opened and MDOT may be on board with allowing this. Development hopeful for 2018.

Brindley-

Waterloo trail is having a groundbreaking for approximately 3 miles of trail this coming Saturday. There is a Chapter goal of 50 miles for this location.

The Great lakes Mountain Biking Summit in Marquette on June 12 – 14, 2015, is expected to have 2000 people. Educating people on how to make trails more accessible.

Mary-

Per Nancy, The Huron River Trail just received a National Water Trail designation, making this the 2nd National Water Trail in the State.

1st National Water Trail Conference June 24 -26 in Ann Arbor

Staff Reports-

Claire-

Pure Michigan Blog 13 reasons to Bicycle Tour in Michigan- Josh DeBruyn

Rail Trails next subject

DNR-

State Trails Coordinator position posted today

3 regional staff

All trails people under the central Trailways section in Lansing, instead of supervision by field and policies areas

Daryll Welch, a new staff person for addressing trespass and real estate needs for the UP

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20pm.

2015 Meeting Dates:

August 12 – MTGA Offices/ Go To Meeting

November 3

1:30 to 4pm