

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NONMOTORIZED ADVISORY WORKGROUP (NAW)**

MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2011

Approved December 1, 2011

Video Conference Call:

**Stevens T. Mason Building
530 West Allegan, 7th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48933**

**Marquette OSC
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Marquette, Michigan 49855**

PRESENT FOR THE WORKGROUP

John Gonway, *Chair*
Carol Fulsher (*via phone*)
Nancy Krupiarz
Robert Golda

PRESENT FOR STAFF

Jim Radabaugh, *State Trails Coordinator, Forest Management Division (FMD)*
Annamarie Bauer, *Trail Planning Specialist, FMD*

WELCOME

Chair Gonway called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone, followed by introductions of the NAW members and other attendees.

Chair Gonway presented the September 21, 2011 Agenda and asked for any additions or changes. There were none and the Agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Gonway asked for review and approval of the June 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Not all members had copies of the minutes for review so the item was tabled. Staff will check to see if and when information was sent electronically. *Staff confirmed that the minutes were sent to NAW members on May 26, 2011 as an attachment to the original June 2, 2011 meeting notice.* The minutes were reviewed later in the meeting, before the Public Appearance.

A motion was offered by Nancy Krupiarz supported by Rob Golda to approve the draft minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of the Draft 2011 Recommendations Report of the Equine Trailways Subcommittee (ETS) for the Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council (Report)

Chair Gonway introduced the Draft Recommendations and then opened it up to discussion asking the NAW to consider a response. There was a general observation and comment that many of the recommendations would require funding. The question was asked as to where the funding would come from. **Jim Radabaugh** indicated that the ETS first wanted to identify

recommendations without getting too involved with the financial requirements. The funding needs would be addressed in a subsequent part of the planning process.

Plan NAW Response to the ETS Draft Report

There was discussion on the timing of the response. **Chair Gonway** indicated that the NAW is to provide a response back to the MSTAC for their consideration, noting that the MSTAC response to the ETS Recommendations is due in June 2012. **Rob Golda** offered to coordinate a draft a response to the ETS Report.

NAW Mapping Review and Update from Committee

Nancy Krupiarz reported that the mapping subcommittee met in August. Denise Cline shared the *US-23 Heritage Route* presentation and the plans for the “*UP North Trails*” data base. The group was impressed with the information and thought it could serve as a model template for all state trails. There was discussion on how to integrate the existing trail data systems. Denise Cline thought it was achievable and that one of the most important factors would be the availability of current data. Once all the data could be compared and integrated the sustainability of the system would have to be addressed. They talked about the various planning regions as a potential source of data and as cooperators in the efforts. The data would be public and people would be encouraged to use it.

Plan Next Steps of NAW Based on Update from Mapping Committee

Chair Gonway identified the next steps to include consensus building and obtaining support (letters) from the various planning regions, workgroups, and the MSTAC. The NAW should continue to guide conversation.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

None

NEXT MEETING

December 1, 2011, Mason Building in Lansing and the Marquette OSC (video conference call)

A motion offered by Carol Fulsher, supported by Rob Golda to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.