

**Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup
June 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup (NAW) was called to order by Chair Nancy Krupiarz at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the Constitution Hall Building, 525 West Allegan, 5th Floor, Lansing MI 48933 via conference call. The following members were present:

*Nancy Krupiarz, Chair
Mary Bohling
Andrea Ketchmark
Dennis Hansen*

*Emily Meyerson (via phone)
Carol Fulsher (via phone)*

The following member(s) were absent: Laura Tropea and Scott TenBrink

The following Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Parks and Recreation Division (PRD), liaisons were present: *Annamarie Bauer, Kristen Bennett, and Jim Radabaugh. Donna Stine- Policy Coordinator for the DNR was also present.*

Members of the Public: Brindley Byrd, President of Mid-Michigan Chapter and Vice President of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the June 4, 2014 Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Bohling moved to approve the June 4, 2014 Agenda of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ketchmark and it carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Ketchmark moved to approve the February 19, 2014 Minutes of the Nonmotorized Advisory Workgroup. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bohling and it carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION UPDATES

Pure Michigan Bill Package – Chair Krupiarz

A series of bills commonly referred to as the “Pure Michigan Bill Package” was distributed (refer to Attachment 1). A vote is expected next week. The Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council (MSTAC) is proposed to be changed to the Michigan Trails Advisory Council (MTAC)

Other Updates – Chair Krupiarz

Approximately 35 groups are working on trail mapping.

Donna Stine (DNR) is researching liability for adjacent trail landowners when the trail is over an easement.

Jim Radabaugh and Donna Stine (DNR) are working on linking trails to better health.

Water Trails - Donna Stine

A draft copy of the Designated Water Trails Program was distributed (refer to Attachment 2). Various items being considered include: identify ways to designate such as access, safety, signage etc. A subcommittee is working on signage. Consideration is being given to both motorized and nonmotorized water vessels. The definition/reference to paddler was discussed including the possibility of changing it to trail user. They are also looking into sustainability. The process for approval was reviewed including proposal to the Resources Management Bureau Team, then it will be posted for public comment (not a public meeting), and then sent over to the Legislative Service Bureau at the Capitol for bill drafting Mary Bohling acknowledged and thanked Donna Stine for the work that had been completed.

Fat Tire Bikes

Fat tire bikes are currently using trails and lands managed for other recreational uses such as the groomed for skiing VASA trail in the Traverse City Area. Land managers will need to make a determination regarding appropriate uses. Best practice guidelines, alternating uses and other options are being explored by various groups.

NEW BUSINESS

Priority Trails Recommendations to MSTAC

Review and evaluation continues for nonmotorized trail priorities (refer to Attachment 3).

Trail Funding

Various ideas for trail funding were discussed (refer to Attachment 4).

STAFF REPORTS

Governor's Showcase Trail – Jim Radabaugh

This trail, from Belle Isle to Ironwood is to provide for hiking and bicycling. Since the trail users' requirements are different for each trail type, the proposed concept has become one route for hiking and one route for bicycling. The current proposal was presented by Jim to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in May 2014. The finalized route and maps continue to be edited.

Meeting Adjourned.