

North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation Meeting

Mar. 23, 2011, 6:30 PM

West End Cafe, West Union, Harrison County

The Mar. 23, 2011 meeting of the North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Abbott with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests were welcomed.

MINUTES: Jim Helmick moved to approve minutes of the Feb. 23, 2011 meeting with changes: 7th paragraph, word is sent instead of send; 10th paragraph, 5th line, “to purchase a heavy duty mower” (and eliminate model); 1st full paragraph on page 2, move last sentence to after “request letter for files.” David Kimball seconded the motion, which was approved.

OLD BUSINESS.: Mark Abbott suggested we purchase 1 or 2 spare sets of blades with the mower. Mark said Jesse Ulderich is excited about the mower. He said they are repairing gates and will get us a new picture to close out the grant and Mark will turn in the report for the grant. Jesse said they put in 6 new gates.

After the board reviewed and made revisions on the proposed document presented by Mark Abbott, D. J. Allen moved we accept the NBRT Foundation Trail Maintenance Fund Policies and Procedures; Jim Helmick seconded the motion, which was approved.

Health Department Grant: The Foundation received notification that the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department is granting us \$22,500 for renovations to the trail (Wood and Ritchie). Mark will invoice them per their request. Katie Thorn is our contact, and Ken Adams has been attending meeting(s) for this grant.

NEW BUSINESS: By-Law Committee met and Mark presented document for additional review. Changes will be made and it will be presented again at the next meeting for approval. Mark thanked Ken, D. J. and Tim McClung for assisting with this.

Assistance to Ritchie County Historical Society: The Society needs \$64,000 to meet park of their matching grant for the Stone House, Trailhead, Depot project areas. Mark would like us to help them, and would like us to help Salem repair their depot. He said that after work is done in Doddridge County, we need to work in Harrison County.

Ken Adams asked about non-profits assisting other non-profits.

Maintenance Logo: A committee was formed to review the proposed logo and trail maintenance logo. Mark, Ken, James Jones, and D. J. volunteered.

D. J. turned in \$100.64 from Country Trails Bikes for merchandise sales and donations. Ken turned in \$44.52 from merchandise sales, and \$14.50 from the donation box at North Bend.

Other Business: Invited to Youth Environmental Day at North Bend/we are unable to attend; D. J. completed the Annual Report for the WV Secretary of State’s office.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be Apr. 27th at North Bend State Park Lodge, Ritchie County.

ATTENDING were Mark and Kathy Abbott, Jim Helmick, David Kimball, Frank Glesner, Ken Adams, James Jones, Larry Marrs and D. J. Allen.

D. J. Allen, Secretary, 3/23/11