

Meeting Minutes

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ITS Trail Committee Board Approved Minutes of the April 18th Meeting Board
Members Present: Poonam Jain, Bryan Siegfried, Bill Napper, John Fritsche, Larry Leone Board Members absent: Josh Ross, Phyllis Spurney, Russ Masinelli Also present: Rick Verticchio, Shari Albrecht The meeting was held at the CMH Conference room as the Staunton Public Works Building was not available. A notice was posted at the entrance to the Public Works Building. The meeting was called to order by President Poonam Jain. 1. Report of the right of way subcommittee: Title companies have been contacted, and we may have two companies, from Carlinville and Staunton, work through the issue of actual ownership of the proposed trail route. 2. Report of the publicity subcommittee: "Trailbits" and news items have been placed in the local newspapers. Some of the local classes at Staunton High School have helped with the designing advertisements. 3. Susan McBride was unavailable at short notice, she will be introduced at another meeting. 4. John Fritsche has typed up a list of local officials. This list will be used to contact our local officials and formally inform them of our intentions. John will continue to enlarge this database. 5. Others to contact could include companies, such as bicycle manufacturers. We will begin to contact manufacturers such as Burley, Trek, Cannondale, Sun bicycles, etc. 6. Shari Albrecht reviewed the "Opportunity Returns" program in brief. Apparently this program already states the desire for a multi use trail extending from St. Louis to Springfield. 7. The bylaws were again reviewed with Rick Verticchio. There were a few more edits, and Mr. Verticchio had his additions, discussed at our last meeting. He had a few suggestions, including 7.1 Adjustment of terms to three years in order to prevent lopsided voting years 7.2 Addition of his language for several articles 8. Incorporation of the corporation was signed by all five members in attendance 8.1 The 501(c)(3) status is an IRS status which Mr. Verticchio will apply for after the initial incorporation has been completed. 9. John Fritsche and Larry Leone proposed a membership structure, based in part on similar organizations. Work on a membership form will commence soon. 10. As the committee only has nine members currently, a discussion was made regarding a ninth member, as delineated in the nearly complete bylaws. A few members have been contacted who did not want to start on the board at this time. However, Nelson Grman has accepted. Bryan Siegfried moved to accept Nelson Grman, seconded by Bill Napper, and approved on voice vote. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held May 2nd,