

MINUTES OF ITS TRAIL COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING - JUNE 4, 2008

Directors Present: Russ Masinelli, Nelson Grman, , Larry Leone, Jarid Ott, Poonam Jain

Directors excused: John Fritsche Bryan Siegfried, Bill Vogt

Directors Absent: Paul Skeans

Also Present: Sandra Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 PM

Meeting Minutes

The 5-6-08 meeting minutes were reviewed. After minor corrections, Nelson Grman moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Larry Leone and passed on a voice vote.

The 1-15-08 meeting minutes which were taken by Nelson Grman and had never been presented for approval were reviewed. After minor corrections, Poonam Jain moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Jarid Ott and passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Lane delivered the current financial state of the ITS Trail Committee but had to leave before it was presented.

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| Bank Balance 4/30/08 | \$16,328.16 |
| Receptits | \$ 0 |
| Disbursements | \$ 86.00 |
| Bank Balance 5/31/08 | \$16,242.16 |

Motion by Nelson Grman, 2nd by Poonam Jain to accept, motion carried by voice vote.

IDNR Grant

The final IDNR grant application was delivered on April 8th, 2008.

Executive Director's Report

Jarid Ott received communication from Steve Gonzalez at IDNR requesting an estimate of the construction cost for the trail. Jarid contacted engineer Jay Jessen who provided a breakdown as follows:

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| Construction Cost - \$1,137,000 |
| Utility Adjustments - \$20,000 |
| Engineering Costs - \$199,200 |
| Total - \$1,356,200 |

This information was passed on to Steve Gonzalez who responded that it was what he was looking for.

We have been selected to apply for a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant in the amount of \$50,000 with no matching requirements. Jarid is working with Nora Fewquay to develop the information necessary for the county to complete and submit the grant survey for the ITS Trail project. The grant survey must be submitted and approved by June 30, 2008.

No new members this month. Jarid will draft a letter to send to all members advising of our prior decision to annualize our dues payments from July 1 through June 30.

We have several promotional items in inventory.

A change in Registered Agent has been filed with the Secretary of State and recorded in Macoupin

County.

Jarid suggested that we consider adding links on our web site to various community and organizational web sites in the area. There was some discussion regarding our requirement, as stated on our Membership Application, that links would be provided only to members at higher membership levels. Jarid explained that his intent was to get our link included on other sites by us linking to those sites. Russ appointed Bryan Siegfried and Boe Yeager to investigate this suggestion and report back at the next meeting.

Events

Nelson Grman reported that he had contacted MCT regarding the progress on the Worden-Staunton Trail and that due to problems with the weather; it is not known when the trail will be completed or when a dedication will be scheduled. Nelson will stay in contact on this subject.

The Gillespie Black Diamond Days parade is Sunday June 8 and assistance will be needed to assemble sign trailers. Jarid to make some contacts with members in the Gillespie area for assistance.

The Tour de Garden held on June 1, 2008 was a great success with around 150 participants. The ITS Trail was a co-sponsor for that event due to Jarid's involvement in creating the map.

The subject of selling memberships in the city park on July 12 in conjunction with the Tour de Donut was discussed. Jarid is to contact Dave Sweeney with the Boeing Bicycle Club to see they would have any problem with is doing this and report back next month.

Old Business

The By-Laws, to which modifications were made at the 5-6-08 meeting were presented for adoption. Following some discussion regarding wording, Poonam Jain made a motion adopt, 2nd by Nelson Grman. Modified By-Laws were adopted by a Roll Call vote.

The subject of investing a portion of our funds in interest bearing certificates was discussed. Larry Leone suggested we place \$5,000 in each of three certificates for durations of 4 months, 8 months and 12 months. When each matures, they are to be renewed for 12 months, so that every 4 months we will have a certificate maturing if we need the funds. Motion by Larry Leone, 2nd by Poonam Jain to proceed with this, plan which was approved by voice vote. Russ Masinelli to handle this at First National Bank.

New Business

Nelson provided an update on the pledge of land adjacent to Duda Garden to be used for the construction of a Visitors Center. A meeting will be called in the near future to include city Tourism, Parks & Recreation, Duda Garden, ITS Trail and any other interested parties.

Poonam announced that the Staunton Youth Council intends to hold a bike ride and would like assistance from the ITS Trail Committee. Poonam advised them that we would be glad to assist in any way we can, but would not be involved in the sponsorship of the event.

Adjournment

Motion by Poonam Jain, 2nd by Jarid Ott to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Jarid Ott-Executive Director in the absence of Bill Vogt-Secretary