

MINUTES OF ITS TRAIL COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 6, 2008

Directors Present: Russ Masinelli, Nelson Grman, , Larry Leone, Poonam Jain, John Fritzsche, Bill Vogt

Directors excused: Jarid Ott

Directors Absent: Paul Skeans, Brian Siegfried.

Also Present: Sandra Lane- treasurer, Rande Johnson and Cheryl Norris from Carlinville

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM

Meeting Minutes

The 7-02-08 meeting minutes were reviewed. Nelson Grman moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Vogt 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.

Bank Balance 7/31/08	\$17,134.37
Recepits	\$ 6,513.52
Disbursements	\$
Bank Balance 5/31/08	\$23,647.89

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

- a. IDNR Grant- nothing new to report.
- b. Dept. of Comm. And Econ. Opportunity grant survey- nothing new to report.
- c. Membership Update- Membership letter was mailed in June and as of 7/29, we have 47 member renewals for a total of \$2090.00 plus \$385.00 in donations.
- d. Correspondence was sent to George Camille with Norfolk and Southern Railroad on June 25, 2008. Camille called and said N & S is concentrating on provided rail service for mine development near Hillsboro. He is still working on this and will keep us informed. If no response by Mid August, We will call him.
- e. Resolutions of Support.
Dorchester & Gillespie have passed resolutions and they are on file. Sawyerville is looking Positive for passing a resolution.
- f. Promotional Items inventory:
 1. ITS Window Decal 4
 2. ITS Vests 1 s/m 1 L/XL
 3. ITS Tee Shirts 3 XXL
 4. ITS Polo shirts 4 L
- g. Expenditures:
Purchase a deposit stamp for \$16.48
- h. Worden- Staunton trail. Lori Grandone has spoken to Jerry Kane at MCT and they are very close to An agreement with NS RR to allow them to cross the main line just west of Rte 4 and follow the old Chicago NW line south to DeCamp Junction. This would be a much more logical route than following the ITS alignment to Spangle Rd. and then back to DeCamp.

Committee reports

Rides:

1. Worden Staunton Trail dedication- with the slowdown and connection issue; this probably Will be late summer or early fall.
2. Parades- a Big thank you to all who participated:
Black Diamond Days- June 8 John Fritsche, John Strickland, Jarid Ott and Jim Marcacci rode. Larry Leone and Nelson Grman assisted in assembly of trailers.
Mt. Olive Parade- June 21 John Fritsche, jarid Ott, Russ and Jake Masinelli All rode.
3. Staunton June 29 John Fritsche, John Strickland, Jarid Ott, Roger Kramer Jim Marcacci took videos.
4. Bunker Hill July 4 John Fritsche, John Strickland, Russ and Jake Masinelli
5. Dorchester August 2 John and Carole Fritsche, John and Bev Strickland, Jarid Ott, Boe Yaeger, Rande Johnson and sons Kyle and Cole, and Cheryl Norris.
6. Tour de Coal assistance- This is Sept. 27, 2008 at Benld Grade School. Membership is encouraged to assist in any way possible. The following will assist with registration.
John Fritsche
Carole Fritsche
Jarid Ott
Russ Masinelli
Larry Leone.
7. Appreciation Picnic
Nelson is to schedule the Fireman's Park for Sept. 28, 2008. Duda Gardens is not ready yet and too small. We will serve from noon to 1pm, with the bicycle drawing at 1:30. Todd Anderson of Fritz Drugs has agreed to donate a bicycle. John Fritsche will negotiate with the Cyclery on a price for the bike. Poonam Jain and John Fritsche will handle the hot dogs, brats, chips and salad. Sandy Lane will have ice tea.
8. Illinois Traction Society annual meeting is April 25, 2009 at Concordia Hall. Staunton Tourism assists with the cost of the Hall which is over \$600.00. Jarid Ott is working with Dale Jenkins on this.
9. Trivia Nite- Bill Vogt checking with the Staunton Country Club for January, 2009 dates.
10. Fund Raising and Promotions.
Grocery Bags- John Fritsche looking in to this project
Bicycle Safety Program- Poonam to talk with Dave Whaley of Alton to do this
Rande Johnson can assist.
Results of 2008 Staunton Visitors Center meeting: Nelson reported over \$60,000.00 in tax revenue has come from the hotel tax since it was implemented. A 34X40 foot building is being proposed at Duda Garden with a portion of this revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM Poonam motioned to adjourn with second by John Fritsche.

Bill Vogt-Secretary