

MINUTES OF ITS TRAIL COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Directors Present: Russ Masinelli, Nelson Grman, Poonam Jain, John Fritzsche, Bill Vogt, Paul Skeans, Jarid Ott

Directors excused:

Directors Absent: Larry Leone, Bryan Siegfried.

Also Present: Rande Johnson

Also Excused: Sandra Lane- Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

Meeting Minutes

The 8-6-08 meeting minutes were reviewed. Poonam Jain moved to accept the minutes, seconded by John Fritzsche. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

No report due to the absence of Sandra Lane

Executive Director's Report

- a. IDNR Grant- Jarid received a recent message from Steve Gonzalez requesting pictures of the bridge over Cahokia Creek. Poonam advised that Bryan had taken such pictures. Jarid to obtain from Bryan and forward to Mr. Gonzalez.
- 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 8/27, we have 52 member renewals for a total of \$2270.00 plus \$385.00 in donations.
A follow-up email was sent to George Camille with Norfolk and Southern Railroad on August 26 with a copy to all board members. No response as of this date.
- d. 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
- e. Expenditures:
Purchase a deposit stamp for \$16.48
Worden- Staunton trail. Lori Grandone has advised that paperwork is being finalized for submittal to IDNR requesting grant reimbursement by the end of September. The Worden to Hamel trail will be bid in September and completed by Mary 2009..

Committee reports

Rides: Worden Staunton Trail dedication- With the information provided above, the dedication should be near the end of September.

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 Fritzsche
Carole Fritzsche
Jarid Ott
Russ Masinelli
Anita Masinelli
Bill Vogt
Larry Leone.

Appreciation Picnic: Nelson has scheduled the Fireman's Park for Sept. 28, 2008.

We will serve from noon to 1pm, with the bicycle drawing at 1:30. John Fritsche has negotiated with the Cyclery for a \$200 price for the bike which Todd Anderson & Joe Spudich of Fritz Drugs has agreed to pay for. Poonam Jain and John Fritsche will handle the hot dogs, brats, chips and salad. Sandy Lane will have ice tea and Randy Johnson will provide deserts.

Illinois Traction Society annual meeting is April 25, 2009 at Concordia Hall. Staunton Tourism has assisted with the cost of the Hall which is over \$600.00. Jarid Ott is working with Dale Jenkins and Cindy Leonard with the Macoupin County Genealogical Society on this.

Trivia Nite- Bill Vogt had checked with the Staunton Country Club and has scheduled a tentative date of January 17, 2009 for the event.

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 and is working on a date in early May for the event, which will include bicycle safety education and fitting children with helmets. Rande Johnson can assist. This could also include a bicycle registration program.

NEW BUSINESS

John Fritsche proposed that we see if the City of Staunton will designate Union St at the ITS Trail. Nelson is to take this up with the appropriate committee of the city council.

Jarid proposed that until we have some word from the Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding the release of their property for sale, that we suspend regular monthly meetings and go to quarterly meetings. Russ polled each member present and there was considerable discussion. The main concern was the potential loss of momentum and public awareness of our project. It was agreed to give this a try but that if there was anything that needed the board's attention, a meeting would be called.

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

Poonam made a motion to adjourn with second by John Fritsche.

Bill Vogt-Secretary