



North Carolina Rail-Trails, Inc
Board of Directors
Greensboro, NC
April 10, 2010 10:30 AM

Board Members Present: Dilys Bowman, AL Capehart, Harry Clapp, Dave Connelly, Mike Domonkos, Sam Erwin, Jack Kiser, John Morck, Nancy Pierce, Tony Reevy **Absent:** Alison Carpenter, Bob Segal, Bob Menzies, Charles Farley **NCRT Program Assistant:** CR Townsend. **Guests:** Alex Ashton, Joe Best, Dr. Gene Lewis, Craig McKinney

10:30 Vice Chair Dave Connelly welcomed all, reporting that Chair John Morck was en route.

10:40 January BOD meeting minutes received to recall later for adoption due to lack of quorum

10:45 Treasurers report - CR Townsend (Bob Segal absent due to family emergency).

March Year to Date: Income: Contributions \$1,132.50, Membership Dues \$1,012.34

EarthShare of North Carolina (ESNC) 3rd quarter 2008 distribution, received by NCRT in 04/2010: \$2,879.87

(ESNC 2008 NCRT Total Pledges: \$16,111, \$2577 Estimated Admin fee, \$805 Estimated Shrinkage for Estimated Net Pledge \$12,728.50)

AL: ESNC overall pledges for 2009 are down 8% from 2007, and down 10% from 2008 .

NCRT has two CDs up for renewal in April. They will automatically renew unless we take action. John is working with Karen on that.

Quorum having been reached, Tony moved adoption of minutes, Sam seconded. Unanimous approval.

10:50 Administrative report – CR Townsend

Carolyn passed out draft update of membership/donation brochure. Nancy will find a volunteer graphic designer to give it a bit slicker look based on this draft.

Carolyn said she will do the administrative assistant work at contract rate regardless of Executive Director status. Her contract is up July 1 (6 month contract) John Morck: There is no way he can keep up with paperwork. He suggested retaining Carolyn's services in the interim before hiring of Executive Director. BOD members should email any comments regarding this to John.

By consensus: ongoing CR contract and final approval of membership/donation brochure should wait for Executive Director.



John: Did we adopt disclosure of outside work policy for personnel manual at July 11 meeting? Nancy will send Tony pertinent minutes and copy of personnel manual so Tony can confirm approval and insert outside work policy disclosure verbiage.*

10:55 Web report

Curt's report was sent by email. Discussion: Unique visitors doubled from Nov 2009 to March 2010. Dave Connelly has been contacting organizations to update links to new site. Curt is still working on FAQ page and is desperate for information, Google calendar with meetings, rail-trail related events. Please email Curt with material. Chatham County ATT opens June 5, National Trail Day.

Curt does not want to be paid a fee, wants money to Triangle Rail Trail Conservancy in his name. He suggested \$175 flat for six months of work. Motion by Tony, second by Dave, approved unanimously to send \$175 to TRTC in Curt's name. John will ask Karen to issue that.

11:00 Nominating Committee report by Tony.

John invited Henry McCoy, Jr. to attend but he is in Atlanta, is excited to be put forth as member. The UNC graduate, banker, Durham resident, regular ATT runner, brings diversity and a wide range of experience to the board. Bio was sent out 30 days as per bylaws.

Tony moved bringing Henry to Board for term ending Dec 31 2011, for term vacated by Steve Smutko. Carolyn will confirm when Steve took office and hence when that term is up. Sam seconded. Dilys: expressed concern about number of boards he is on, will he have conflicts and be unable to attend? AL pointed out board policy allows for removal if they do not attend. Tony will relay that concern with letter of acceptance. Unanimous approval. His election brings board to 15 members.

11:10 Executive Director Recruitment Status

John said he had hoped to have a name for BOD meeting today. He said there were about 16 responses to the job posting, with a wide range of experience. The committee looked at 8 resumes and decided to interview 4. Had all day interviewing session in March. Finalist Carolyn "Rah" Trost employed most recently by City of Durham as special events coordinator, ED of Eno River, prior to that was State Director of Michigan RTC, organized huge fundraiser trail run with Detroit Free Press, extensive background. Search committee agreed to vote to recommend her as candidate. She was on tap to come today for consideration then withdrew with some additional requirements or concerns regarding the job commitment and compensation. The board discussed and agreed the organization could not afford her proposal. They also had concerns regarding the delay of start date until the fall. The board agreed to authorize the search committee to keep looking for candidates.

By consensus BOD doesn't want to wait until next board meeting to consider ED position. John may call a meeting prior to July meeting.

(Tony noted that we need copy of bylaws at very meeting. Nancy will see to this.)

11:45 New business



Tony mentioned possibility of free office space in Durham to consider when looking at whole ED picture.

John will ask David Newton to send board Little Toot content

11:50 Program: Battleground Trail. New name: Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway

Harry introduced guests: Gene Lewis, Railway Historical Society; Craig McKinney, GDOT; Alex Ashton, Guilford County Open Space and Trails. They showed a map and talked about a study to extend A&Y from downtown Greensboro through Summerfield and Stokesdale to Forsyth County line. They gave an overview of A&Y Greenway progress. Craig showed Atlantic &Yadkin Greenway signage, spoke about ribbon cutting (late July speculated) First mile (Phase one) is under contract.

Joe Best, NCRT local contact from Guilford County was introduced.

12:30: Lunch at Stamey's barbecue. Some BOD members visited the Battleground/Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway that runs right behind Stamey's, and the underpass under Cone Blvd.

*Disclosure of outside work verbiage added to NCRT Personnel Manual (by Tony Reevy week of 04/12) as approved by BOD at July 2009 meeting.

Minutes approved July 10, 2010