

North Carolina Rail-Trails
Board Meeting
July 10, 2010
Microtel Inn & Suites 2nd floor Conference Room.
81 Allman Drive,
Franklin, NC 28734

Minutes

Board Members present: Dilys, Alison, John, Tony, Jack, AL, Charles, Mike, Nancy Also: CR, Carrie, Kay Coriell NOT: Harry, Robert Menzies, Dave Connelly, Henry, Sam, Tony

10:30 Welcome & Introduction of new Executive Director Carrie Banks (John)

10:45 Bob moved to approve minutes from April meeting and from June 19 called meeting. AL seconded. Unanimous approval.

10:48 Treasurer's Report (Bob Segal) NCRT did not spend as much money as budgeted because of delay in anticipated date of Executive Director hiring. NCRT currently has \$150,000 in money market and checking. CR: Environmental Federation of NC (EFNC, dba Earthshare) made dispersion (about \$3000) at end of June not yet recorded. Nancy requested clarification of how ESNC monies are divided among its members. CR: It's donor designated, and NCRT is required to donate volunteer hours to ESNC. If NCRT meets hour requirements and get application in on time, there is an additional undesignated allocation (\$4484 for 2008). Required volunteer hours for 2009 was 21, ESNC campaign-related. NCRT gets some volunteer hour credits for member David Coates' (legal counsel) on Board of ESNC. Alison asked about NCRT end-of-year solicitations. CR: 280 were sent out last November, generating not quite \$4000. John: Maybe we should have a capital campaign. Consensus: ask new NCRT Board member Henry McCoy for ideas on this.

10:55 Administrative Items (John/Carolyn) . CR elaborated on administrative items she has been working on: Highlighted representing NCRT on ESNC campaign committee, workplace, charity, education, public events, Little Toot. She said she will be indefinitely available for administrative tasks under contract, going forward. She will meet with Carrie to determine what needs doing. Her thoughts on Little Toot for fall: Carrie should meet with David Newton and others . Carrie should be main person to make decisions about content. Discussion about Little Toot ensued: Nancy: To get content from NCRT Board, we should be prodded and given a deadline. Discussion regarding updating/improving/changing Little Toot. Consensus: Little Toot will be on October agenda. David's contract will be renegotiated at that time. We will ask NCRT webmaster Curt Devereux to be there for his input regarding getting Little Toot online.

Question arose : Bylaws say Carrie will be on Board as ED and President. Do we need to change bylaws to allow 16 members, 15 plus ED/President of NCRT? John says that he will kick that back to bylaws committee.

AL said that problem will be solved when he resigns, which was his stated intent once ED is hired. He read a letter vacating the Board position he has held since 1990. He requested to occupy position of Past President, ex-officio member of board with reimbursable expenses.

John said by NCRT Bylaws Carrie will have to be elected president in October, effective January. John asked AL if he would be amenable to having his resignation letter at October effective January. AL: OK.

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Jack: I see us sending a package of amendments to the bylaws committee, one of which would be making ED President without having to elect. Charles: Moved to ask bylaws committee to consider a package of amendment to facilitate transition to Executive Director. Discussion:

Jack: Maybe "bylaws committee" could be changed to "governance committee". Jack seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

John clarified: ED/President and Chair jobs are the same as under current bylaws except now President is paid position instead of volunteer.

CR: Nominating committee needs to look at persons whose terms expire. Charles, Tony, John, Mike's terms expire at end of December. Bylaws clarification: There is no limit on number of terms a board member can serve.

Nancy will send another copy of bylaws to everyone.

Jack: When we seek board members, let's seek someone from the public health sector. Advocating for trails includes advocating for active living, looks at the relationship of our built environment to health, promoting incidental exercise.

11:10 Project Reports

Membership Brochure discussion: Nancy, AL and Carrie will re-work verbiage. Nancy will see to include Camp Lejeune Trail photo, figure out way to have some copies lack membership form so they can be distributed at ESNC events. Discussion about adding localized insert for some events. Nancy will send draft to members for consideration at October meeting.

11:25 New Business

Washington-Greenville greenway: Dilys, AL, Charles continue to be involved with this.

AL reported on progress with Deep River Rail Trail. All facilitated NC Central Park \$10,000 grant to Franklinville for and park improvements, trail easement survey to Ramseur (Deep River). Relationship between Ramseur and Piedmont COG has stalled pending receipt of monies from Clean Water Management trust Fund.

Other good news: Atlantic Coast Rail Trail groups (Wilmington-Fayetteville) got boost from Cape Fear cyclists and running club who raised over \$1000 to hire an attorney and pay 501c3 filings for West Pender Rail-trail Alliance.

Mike continues to work with friends of Ecusta Trail near Brevard.

Dilys question: How to handle insurance for volunteers working on trails? This will be ongoing issue. Dilys will check in to how groups do this.

AL Introduced Kay Corriel, Friends of the Little Tennessee Greenway (FROGS) This greenway includes more than two miles of former Tallulah Falls Railroad. Kay described process of getting this trail, showed maps and projects of the FROGS group including a wildflower book available at the greenway headquarters.

Next meeting: October 8, Triangle area.

12:30 Lunch catered at Microtel

1:15 Outing: Little Tennessee River Greenway -Tallulah Falls Railroad section. Kay Corriel guided several NCRT members and visitors on two sections of the greenway.

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