

Kentucky Rails to Rails Council Meeting – Agenda
02/15/05, 6:30 PM – 8 PM, Tuesday 8th floor
Lexington Fayette Co. Urban Co. Govt’s Building
Main & Martin Luther King Blvd., Lexington KY

Present: George Ely, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Jeanette Coufal, Keith Lovan, Alex Nugent (anuget@insightbb.com; a Scout who was sitting in on the meeting). Gregg Nugent, Cindy Deitz, Todd Geddes, Cheryl D. Wyatt, Joseph Bramer, Dixie Moore.

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2005.

NOTE: this represents the change to the 3rd Monday.

Treasurer’s Report. Joe Bramer, Treasurer, reported that there has been \$1700 in income since the first of the year. He will call and arrange to have the audit done by Dean, Dorton and Ford. Our last audit was in 2003.

Old Business

1. Website and Web master services. Boyd Shearer billed for 14 hours @\$50.00/hr (\$700) so far in setting up the website. The board is pleased with his work. He installed a quick and handy way for him and the board to add news easily to the homepage and to the news section. He has created a form that you can log into and post a news item. Boyd also installed a blog for various reps and people across the state who want to share events and stuff.

There are already photos posted on the website. Suggestion was made that the Secretary send out an announcement to listserve that the site is up and running and request uploading photos. The discussion was that most of the photos would be of Ky trails however trails from elsewhere that have a connection to what KY is doing are also appropriate. Anyone can register to put photos on, however the webmaster or an administrator from the board can delete what is not appropriate, or if space is limited

Boyd has requested that updates to the website be bundled to him so he does not lose information that is sent. Keith Lovan and Dixie Moore will coordinate sending him new information on a monthly basis. .

Todd Geddes was asked and agreed to answer the email from the website. If he does not have the answer then he forwards the email on to who might. Emails of persons new to KRTC will be forwarded to the Secretary and Treasurer for inclusion in the database and as a “heads up” if a donation is indicated. Todd also agreed to be the administrator of the “BLOG” on the website.

2. Cindy Deitz presented her concept for the display board, which would be a map of the state with the abandoned rail lines, existing and proposed rail trails and accompanying photos. Randy McMillan was mentioned as someone who could do the map. All would be mounted on formboard and attached with Velcro so that they could be updated or replaced without too much expense. It was discussed that the map of KY would probably be divided into three sections to fit on the three panels of the display. The board approved \$ 433 for production expenses.

3. Corporation Sponsorships- Membership benefits: discounts, membership card. Jeanette Coufal discussed who she should approach for corporate sponsorships. . She presented business, bike and

sports related stores and board members suggested others. Todd Geddes to email her businesses in the Louisville area. For example, St. Matthew Schwinn, and Schellers,. Suggestion was made to reach out to gyms and health related businesses.

4.. MATAG Conference July 26th-27th. Todd Geddes has agreed to go as KRTC's representative. It was moved and seconded to fund Todd's trip within the limit voted on at the last meeting and to continue to hold another spot for another representative.

New Business

1. Todd Geddes and Jeanette Coufal volunteered in response to the request for Arbor Day volunteers for the KRTC booth, at the Arboretum in Lexington, April 30th. The booth is from 10 AM to 2:00 pm. If more volunteers are needed a request will be put out over the listserve.

2. Dixie Moore presented Alan DeJarnette suggestion of having a KRTC team for the Kentucky MS-150. It is in early June from Georgetown to Danville. He thinks it may be good exposure to a lot of cyclists and that we could get some sponsors for jerseys. (Each rider has to raise \$200). After a brief discussion, the consensus was that if he wanted to pursue this avenue that it would be fine with KRTC, however KRTC at this time cannot support it financially. KRTC also typically has a ride on Trail Day and this is the day that Dixie Moore is trying to organize a relay ride between Lexington and Ashland.

3. Keith Lovan brought up that it is time to order more stationery since we are running low.

4. Representative John Vincent from Ashland (100 district) had requested a meeting to discuss the proposed Lexington Big Sandy RT. Keith Lovan Chair, is following up.

5. Johnson Breathitt Magoffin County letter writing campaign. Keith Lovan presented the idea that it is now time or near time to ask the membership to write letters in support of a RT on the Dawkins Line (the name of the ROW that is being abandoned in Johnson, Breathitt and Magoffin.) to state government including Jim Host and the Judges of the three counties. He will draft a notice with addresses and bullet points to send out over the listserve and post on the website.

Suggestion was again made to encourage the development of a local nonprofit in the area to help provide information about RT, their benefits, how they would be run and the positive effect they would have on the community. KRTC members stand ready to be resources and to provide assistance from their experience. Suggested was having the KRTC display in public libraries or forums in one of the three counties, offer to send speakers to talk to interested groups (Chamber of Commerce, church groups, etc)

6. Future field trips were discussed. Helen Siewers has indicated an interest to host a trip to Mammoth Cave, Keith Lovan suggested a field trip to the RT that in within the Daniel Boone National Forest on the Sheltoewe Trace. Cindy Deitz suggested a trip to the Blue Heron loop which has 3 miles of railtrail in its hiking trail. A date was set of March 26th; weather permitting to visit the Blue Heron Loop possibly combining with a trip to the Cathy Crockett trail. Tentative plan is to meet at 10 AM at a meeting point near Blue Heron. Keith Lovan to research a meeting place and to find directions. .

7. 2006 Conference Planning: Lexington Visitors and Convention Bureau has approached Kentucky

Rails to Trails to have the 2006 KRTC conference in Lexington. Keith Lovan suggested that the board start to think about planning for the conference. Don Stosberg of the KY Recreation and Park Society has broached the idea of working together on a joint conference.

8. The board approved getting liability insurance through the League of America Bicyclists for the 2005 years for rides and activities. Cost estimated at 91.00\$. Joe Bramer to send in the club application. Our application is of an "advocacy group."

Background Information & Consensus Agenda for 2/115/05 KRTC Meeting.

1. A display was set up at the Good Foods Coop during the month of January as part of their "Give Where You Live Partnership." We received \$156.25 from Good Foods as a result. The display is now at the Clark County Library for March.
2. On January 25, 2005, Keith Lovan and Jodie Wells attended the Georgetown Model Railroad Club monthly meeting. After a delicious chili dinner, Keith and Jodie talked about rails to trails in Kentucky and the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company's project in Anderson County.
3. Kenny Book, Paula Nye, Brent Sweger, his wife and son and Keith Lovan attended a public meeting in Salyersville on Sunday, January 16, 2004. The public meeting was held to discuss how to save the railroad known as the Dawkins line that runs through Breathitt, Magoffin, and Johnson Counties. Approximately 80 attended the meeting, all wanting the railroad to stay. Steve Allen of the Application Railroad Preservation Association stated that he had investors willing to put up the money to save the railroad. Keith Lovan spoke to the audience and stated that Kentucky Rails to Trails Council supported their effort to save the railroad but if no one could be found then KRTC would be interested in working with the 3 counties to convert the abandonment into a rail trail. There was not much support for this idea. A lot of the audience included adjacent property owners and their fear was the trail would be used by ATVs and drug runners. There were 2 members of the Magoffin County Fiscal Court in attendance and they stated that they were opposed to the trail and urged everyone to attend the next fiscal court meeting to let the judge executive know that they are opposed to the trail. A representative from the Governor's office (Grayson Smith) was also there to observe and gather information.
4. The STB has extended the negotiation time for interim trail use/rail banking until July 2005 for the Norfolk Southern Tyrone line. STB Docket No. AB-290(192X), Dated January 11, 2005. from Brent A. Sweger, Division of Multimodal Programs Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 502.564.7686 x3355, www.kytc.state.ky.us/Multimodal
5. KRTC has gone ahead and ordered 2000 new donation envelopes for \$200 dollars approximately. The design and wording was approved by Keith Lovan, the Chair and Jeanette Coufal, Chair of the Finance Committee.
6. KRTC is considering ordering 200 "informals" with logo for handwritten notes from board members. Stout quoted prices for 200 with color logo \$95, with black and white logo \$26, envelopes plain \$14.00, envelopes with printed address \$45.
7. As of Feb 12, 110 members have joined or renewed. 300 old members (since 1997) have not renewed. 1997- 5, 1998 – 30; 1999-30; 2000-20; 2001 -40; 2002-60; 2003-70; 2004-50.