

Kentucky Rails to Rails Council Board Meeting 10/19//04
6:30 PM – Tuesday 8th floor Conference Room
Lexington Fayette Co. Urban Co. Government Building
Main & Martin Luther King Blvd., Lexington KY
Next meeting 11/16/04

Attending: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cindy Deitz, Cheryl Wyatt, Keith Lovan, Todd Geddes,
Dixie Moore, Philip Meyer, Robin Reams, Jeanette Coufal, Joe Bramer

1. Call to Order:
2. Consensus Items: Background Information was reviewed.
3. Treasurers Report: Joe Bramer reported that there is approximately \$20,200 in the MM, \$2058 in the checking acct and \$100 in the Savings Acct.
4. Old Business:
 - a. License plates- no report, discussion noted the minimal response from notices on the listserv and in the newsletter.
 - b. Progress on Brochure – copies were reviewed. Suggested was to carry through the theme used on the decals, add reference to working with land owners and to put the mileage by the trails that exist. .
 - c. Progress on Display Board - Cindy Deitz has made duplicates of slides to use for the board. Dixie Moore will take the display board to her house.
 - d. Advertising in newsletter- Keith Lovan, Scott Southall and Jeanette Coufal to meet to plan how to have more membership benefits and offer corporate advertising in newsletter. Jeanette is working up membership cards.
 - e. Decal – Cheryl Wyatt showed the mockup of a static cling KRTC decal, suggestion was made to eliminate mailing address to make less clutter and to make it bigger. She gave prices. Discussion was to have at least 1000 made and to check on the price if \$700 would do. ***
 - f. Web master services.
 - g. Membership benefits: discounts, membership card, decals, bumper stickers, etc
5. New Business:
 - a. Board Nomination. Dixie Moore nominated Phil Meyer for an at large position on the board. He is a farmer in Woodford Co. and insurance agent. His nomination was unanimously approved.
 - b. Strongly suggested by the members present was that KRTC should write letters to the editor refuting the allegations of vandalism etc that led to Jessamine removing a RT from the county plan. Keith Lovan indicated he would take lead on this.
 - c. Keith Lovan is due to speak at the Morehead Chamber of Commerce.
 - d. It was moved, seconded and by consensus approved to donate an amount from \$50 to \$100, depending on what is their category for a corporate sponsor, to the Pennyrile Turkey Trot. It was suggested that Helen

Siewers, the at large member from the Barren River Region who resides in Bowling Green could possibly do a presentation of the award. Keith Lovan to authorize the expenditure.

- e. Todd Geddes, at large board member from Louisville, has made contact with two Hoosiers RT organization and plans to visit one of their meetings in Indianapolis. He would like current statistics before he goes. He also is open that someone might accompany him.
- f. Jeanette Coufal reported on activities with the Tyrone Bridge summarized in the background information. Members of TB&RC have met with the candidates for the Ky Senate from that area, Julian Carroll and Harold Fletcher. From their discussions the suggestion was made to have the Legislative Research Commission (LFC) become involved and that they could help the process of getting the condition of the bridge evaluated. They hope to work closely with the Heritage Council in getting funding and grants. They are also working on a brochure for the TB&RC. The project is 2.8 miles from Lawrenceburg to the Woodford County side of the bridge.

6. Next meeting will be November 16, 2004

Background Information:

1. Bluegrass RAILS TO TRAILS FOUNDATION met OCTOBER 12, 2004. Discussion included: a. Winchester/Clark County Parks and Rec. Dept. will hold a 5-K race Sun., November 14, 2004 at 3:00 in the industrial park. For more information call Jim Snapp 744-9554. B. Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society met October 6 in Owensboro, KY and Kenny Book gave an update about Rails to Trails projects. C. Winchester has hired a civil engineer to start on the G.E. Sylvania to Clark County Rural Electric section of the trail in Winchester. They will start surveying in the fall. D. The bypass in Winchester is to have shoulders wide enough to accommodate bikes however; it will not be designated as a bike path. E. Winchester has been awarded a grant to put in a walkway/bikeway to Lykins Park. G. Next meeting will be January 11, 2005 in Lexington.

. Kenny Book spoke at the Clark Co. Fiscal Court Wed. Oct. 13 about Rails and presented the petition with 147 names signed at the Daniel Boone Festival in September. He reports the City Commission, Fiscal Court, R.J. Palmer, Don Pasley and Governor Fletcher will all receive copies of the petition. He also notes the Mayor plans to send thank you notes to all those who signed the petition.

2.. Kristen Farrey alerted us to the development of the East Coast Greenway linking cities and towns from the Canadian border at Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida. Approximately 350 miles of the total 2600 is completed. It goes through 15 states plus the District of Columbia linking 25 major cities plus scores of smaller cities, towns, and villages. The non profit East Cost Greenway Alliance, ECGA, was started in 1991. The Alliance is also responsible for guiding the preservation, sound management, and safe use and enjoyment of the ECG by the general public. A 17-member Board of Trustees, staff

of 4, and 16 volunteer state committees partner with scores of local, state, and national agencies and organization. More information is at <http://www.greenway.org/>.

3. Posted on an internet site. <http://groups.msn.com/PennyrileRailTrailFoundation>. The third annual Turkey Trot to support RT in Hopkinsville. PENNYRILE RAIL TRAIL FOUNDATION supports the development of the abandoned Ft Campbell Rail spur to a Multi-use recreational trail. For more information call Tom Hayes @ 270 885 2567 or visit us at www.pennyrilerailtrail.

WHERE: Downtown Hopkinsville Kentucky. Park at the Founders Square Parking lot at 9th and Main

WHEN: Thanksgiving Morning [Nov 27] at 8:00 am

WHO: Anyone interested in running, walking, biking, rollerblading

COST: NONE / FREE – donations to the Pennyrile Rail Trail will be accepted.

WHAT: This is a 5K / 3.1 mile course through the streets of Hopkinsville.

HOW: Come dressed any way you want. Just remember to expect it to be a little cool!

OTHER: In the event of inclement weather, we suggest you stay home, rest, eat, and enjoy the time with your family. Refreshments are provided. Souvenir T-shirts available.

3. Dixie Moore spoken to Ann Mann, Owner Services Director, 278-1813, ext. 244 or annm@goodfoods.coop. at the Good Foods Coop in Lexington re: their Give Where You Live program. She indicated that for Jan or Feb 2005 that they would probably contact us to have our display in their store.

4. Mary Travelsted, an ex Kentucky Rails to Trails Council Board member and a member of the Bowling Green League of Bicyclists, is spearheading a volunteer effort in cooperation with the Sierra Club to help with a rail trail project in the Mammoth Cave National Park.

Last spring it was mentioned at one of the Bowling Green League of Bicyclists (BGLOB) meetings that the Mammoth Cave National Park wanted volunteers to help with a rail trail project this fall. Years ago there was a train between Park City, Ky and the Mammoth Cave NP. A nine mile rail trail is being built along the old railroad bed as much as possible. The BGLOB have already had one work day; last Saturday Mary and a couple of Bowling Green cyclists worked on the trail along with Henry Holman from the park and another one of the park rangers. The Mammoth Cave National Park supplies the tools and gloves and they have enough tools for 50 people. .

The Bowling Green League of Bicyclists have scheduled 5 more Saturday work day in 2004; October 9, October 23, November 13 , December 11 and December 18. Volunteers need to bring water and lunch. Contact Mary Travelsted at Travelsted@aol.com if you would like to volunteer. The meeting time is 9 AM and the meeting place is at Diamond Caverns Resort Parking Lot off I-65 at Park City. Drive toward the park and the Diamond Caverns Resort is 1 1/2 miles on the right. Other groups are also scheduled to volunteer. A group of Target employees volunteered a couple of weeks ago. T-shirts were distributed to the first 100 volunteers.

Henry Holman is the contact for Mammoth Cave NP. He is a Management Assistant at Mammoth Cave Nat. Park. 270-758-2187, 270-758-2349 fax, Henry_Holman@nps.gov. In case of inclement weather the work day will be called off. Lodging is available in the areas if anyone wants to come the night before.

5. Dixie Moore for KRTC donated a KRTC tote bag and a KRTC small t shirt to BCC for door prizes at the fall BCC banquet; A KRTC tote bag was also donated to the American Diabetes Association for their silent auction to be held November 20,2004 a their “Evening in the Bluegrass.”

6. Keith Lovan noted that State Rep. Ruth Ann's Palumbo (District 76, includes Lexington) political ads lists Rail Trail Development as one of her priorities. Her opponent John Hampton states that he is interested in rail trails also. Gloria Martin, an at large member of the Lexington Fayette County Urban Government circulate a political ad when her standing with a mountain bike and she also states she supports more trail funding

7. After concern was expressed about vandalism and trespassing the inclusion of a rail trail in Jessamine County was deleted from their long range county use plan at their Oct 12 meeting.



8. **LICENSE PLATE.** During the 2004 General Session, the Virginia General Assembly approved a new specialty license plate celebrating bicyclists. In order to make the plate a reality, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires 350 pre-paid applications by December 31, 2004. The name of the plate is “Bicycles Belong.” The proposed design is pending final approval from the DMV.



9. To the left is a mockup of the decal that Cheryl Wyatt has been working on with Progressive Marketing.

10. Jeanette Coufal reports that Tyrone Bridge is now listed on the on the National Registry of Historic Places. This is the outcome of the \$3000 TBRC invested in preparation of the application; KRTC contributed and helped pay the continued railbanking fee. TB&RC's next step is to conduct an appraisal of the bridge. The TB& RC meet with the Heritage Council to

identify ways for our two groups to work together. The Heritage Council is a state wide organization that has garnered lots of Transportation Enhancement dollars over the years to preserve bridges, homes, etc. It is headquartered at 300 Washington St. Frankfort 40601. Representatives of TB&RC met with David Morgan who is the director along with Tom Fugate. A joint press release will come out from Heritage Council and Tyrone Bridge and Rail Co about the historic designation.

11. Robert Strosnider reports that Carter County has applied for a Recreation Trails Program grant of \$50,000. The purpose is to build the first phase of the Olive hill to Lawton rail trail. It will be 3.6 miles long and has 4 significant bridges in it; the first section will be 1.6 miles from Olive Hill toward Lawton. The estimated cost for phase 1 is \$100,000. The surface will be crushed limestone and will include a natural soil trail on the side for equestrians.

12. The following is a draft of the carter co. Easement Letter.

“At the June 2004 Kentucky Rails to Trails Council Meeting, Robert K. Strosnider, past Chair of Kentucky Rails to Trails Council, made a presentation to the Council on his willingness to acquire easements in Carter County. Following a discussion and voice vote by the Board this proposal was approved.

Therefore, the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council (KRTC) authorizes Robert Strosnider to acquire easements in Carter County along the abandoned CSX railroad bed for the purpose of building a railtrail. This railtrail is anticipated to become part of a larger railtrail going from Lexington to Coalton outside of Ashland and is referred to as the “Lexington Big Sandy Railtrail”. Any easements obtained would be held by the KY Rails to Trails Council until an appropriate recreational and/or governmental agency or entity is willing to legally accept the responsibility for trail planning, development and maintenance. The easements would then be donated to that authority to be used for trail development and management. The easement donation would be timed to allow the receiving agency/authority to use the easement value as part of a match for a grant for trail development.

Robert Strosnider is authorized to spend up to \$500 to be reimbursed by the KRTC. These funds will be used for acquisition, miscellaneous expenses and recording the easements with the Carter County Clerk. An email report of fund expenditure is to be provided to KRTC within 3 weeks of incurring costs so reimbursement can be made. The report is to be sent to Joe Bramer, the KY Rails to Trails Council Treasurer with copies to the President, Keith Lovan and Secretary, Dixie Moore.

A progress report is to be provided monthly to KRTC once the acquisition begins. KRTC will acquire liability insurance after the first easement has been negotiated.

Keith Lovan
Chair of the KY Rails to Trails Council

Date: _____

Robert K. Strosnider, Agent for Acquiring Easements
118 Churchill Dr.
Winchester, KY 40391

Date: _____

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KRTC Database , 100/19/04		1744
KRTC Members some time	399	
Yr last paid dues		
1997	8	
1998	31	
1999	30	
200	14	
2001	46	
2002	69	69
2003	117	117

2004	83		83
Interested since 2001		580	
tourism	30		30
sports clubs, bike clubs	41		41
local rt groups	63		63
Judge/mayor	36		36
business sponsor	40		40
bike shops	55*	(includes a few members)	55
landowners and adjacent	20		20
churches nearby	24		24
LA	12		12
Civic clubs, enviro	10		10
local elected officials	30		30
nonprofits	20		20
No category since 2002	80		80
other	130		
Historical Societies		63	63
State Gov (Senators, Rep., agencies)		198	198
Out of date interested		175	
			991 Basic mailing list