

KRTC Board Meeting
 4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street
 October 16, 2006

Present: Keith Lovan (Chair), Dixie Moore, Steve Wyatt, Cheryl Wyatt, Cindy Deitz, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Larry Ridenour, Gail Kulp Eddie Farrey, April Haight by conference phone.

1. Consensus Items were accepted.
2. Treasurers Report – Dave Kjelby, Treasurer sent in a monthly income/expense report as of 10/13/06. Total assets 20, 146.80, Expenses for last 30 days were 4,209.87 (paid for new stand alone display, \$2296.50), income was \$375.
3. It was moved and seconded to buy 2000 remittance envelopes as presented in the consensus items.
4. Dixie Moore presented a website update. The corporate sponsor pages are being reworked.
5. Keith Lovan is getting a banner header for the stand alone display board. Cindy Deitz is working on creating a new map of RT abandonments and RT for the board. The stand alone when set up is 8 ft by 8 ft in 3 sections. It breaks down into two sturdy containers on wheels 4 ft tall x 18 “x 18”. Central Library in Lexington would like to have a display and so does Montgomery Co. The table display is in Hopkins County; Dixie will ask that it be returned to central Kentucky by the beginning of November. RT supporters are encouraged to ask for a display for their library, event, meeting, school etc.
6. Corporate Sponsorships – Steve Wyatt showed the drafts of the corporate sponsorship pdf’s that he and Dixie Moore have revised and updated. He passed around a list of potential donors that they had compiled as a starting point. They will be soliciting people to help them in the near future to make calls to ask for donations.
7. Keith Lovan announced that the now inactive Bicycle Coalition of Kentucky have given half of their remaining funds to KRTC and the other half to the League of American Bicyclists. They asked that they be used as part of the advocacy and/or education budget. KRTC received a check for \$2,200. KRTC sincerely thanks the remaining members of the Bike Coalition for their generosity.
8. Keith Lovan reported that 20 people including 4 couples from Eastern KY have signed up for the Virginia Creeper Trip this weekend. Parson Brinckeroff Consulting Engineers has donated \$200 to pick up the dinner tab on Friday night. Thanks to Parson Brinckeroff for their gift.
9. Larry Ridenour reported on the progress of the Lexington Big Sandy Grant application. The deadline to have the preliminary application is 2 weeks away. He has been talking with Gail Wright of the Big Sandy ADD and Mr. Couch who heads up the KY District of ADDs. Larry has made 3 trips to Winchester and two trips to Mt. Sterling; he estimates that his traveling time and expenses are less than \$500. Carter Co. under ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) Carter Co. is the county that is eligible to receive the most support. The sponsor for the application so far is KRTC; however KRTC is extremely limited in the financial support it can give. April Haight suggested that the Southern and Eastern KY Tourism Development Association that includes Bath and Rowan Counties may be of assistance.
10. Dave Kjelby’s recommendations for using credit card payments were discussed. His recommendation to use Paypal was accepted.

Vendor	Cost % of Trans.	Cost per Trans.	Monthly Fee	Software Gateway Fee	Statement Fee
JP Morgan Chase	2.39%	\$0.25	\$29.00	\$500.00	\$13.00
BankCard USA	2.29%	\$0.25	\$8.00	\$15.00	
* PayPal	2.90%	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The motion was made and seconded for KRTC to proceed to use Paypal for payment through the KRTC website. Dave Kjelby and Boyd Shearer, the webmaster, will coordinate. April Haight cautioned to be aware of hidden charges and over charges.

11. Keith Lovan reported that the national Rails to Trails Conservancy recently got a large award from Coca Cola for \$350,000 which they then distributed. Trail projects received awards in the \$50,000-75,000 range. KRTC received a \$5000 award to continue our advocacy for RT.

h. Keith Lovan reported that the KY Transportation Cabinet's Draft Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan is available for public inspections and comments are being solicited for 30 days (until Nov 14th). The draft is available on the web at <http://transportation.ky.gov/planning/stp/2006stp.asp>. Motion was made and seconded for Keith Lovan for KRTC to write a response to the draft. It was also agreed that the membership through the listserve and the website be encourage to write in letters. Cheryl Wyatt suggested that members be referred to the transportation plans of surrounding states such as Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia or Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan to see what other states are doing. At present the draft has little language about alternate forms of transportation such as using bikes or that would refer to multi use trails.

12. Larry Ridenour gave an update on BRTF and Mt. Sterling Groups, April Haight reported on DBRT. Keith Lovan reported on a recent meeting with the Lake Cumberland Group. Local groups are encouraged to write up their progress so they can be used in the newspaper and on the website to keep people informed and not let momentum die.

13. Dixie Moore suggested that the membership be solicited for a location to have the annual Christmas Season Open House. Dec 18th is the tentative date.

Consensus Items

1. In Feb 2005 2000 remittance envelopes were orders for \$195.00, the price for 2000 now from Stout Printing is \$202. The planned envelope would have the logo on the back flap and the following paragraph inside. Underlined are changes.

The Kentucky Rails to Trails Council, Inc. promotes and advocates for the establishment and use of rail trails and other multi-use trails and greenways in Kentucky.

Many companies match the gifts their employees and retirees give to non-profit and charitable organizations. If your company has a matching gifts program obtain their form from the business or personnel office, fill out the employee information portion of the form, and mail it to KRTC with your donation.

Membership contributions are tax deductible

Website: www.kyrailtrails.org

2. email from L. Ridenour to Mr. Couch

Dear Mr. Couch

My name is Larry Ridenour. I spoke with you by cell phone while you were on vacation in early September. I'm sorry I've been very remiss in not e-mailing you sooner about the above mentioned project.

The "LBS" Lexington to Big Sandy Rail Trail project would convert the abandoned 108 mile CSX rail line from Lexington to Ashland into a non-motorized recreational route for bicyclists, walkers, runners, hikers and equestrians. And be handicapped accessible. The trail would connect and be situated in 7 Counties (Boyd, Carter, Rowan, Bath, Montgomery, Clark and Fayette), 8 cities and 3 ADD districts including, FIVCO, Gateway and Bluegrass. Endorsed by the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council,(KRTC) this project is being organized by local County trail groups and with the support of public officials and agencies. When all or parts of the LBS Rail-Trail are completed, it will bring major economic development benefits; a safe means of local bike and pedestrian transportation; a facility for health, fitness and recreation; a sense of community pride; historic preservation opportunities; and conservation of wildlife and scenic open space.

To this end, I have been asked by the KRTC to prepare a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for a Feasibility Study and Concept Plan for the entire 108 mile rail corridor with separate sections devoted to feasibility of the Trail in each County. The cost of the study is estimated to be \$84,000 with 50% provided by the ARC grant and the 50% matching funds coming from in-kind volunteer time and County cash contributions.

I am prepared to make a presentation to your ADD monthly meeting as early as this month or anytime at your convenience. Because of the regional scope of this project we would welcome the endorsement or sponsorship of the ADD Council as we submit our application on October 31.

I can be reached by phone at 859-299-9470 or by mail at 3064 Roundway Down Lane, Lexington, KY 40509

I look forward to hearing from you soon,
Larry Ridenour

3. Little Mount Trail Commission, Inc invites you to take a **drive to the Little Miami Scenic Trail** in Loveland, Ohio on **Saturday October 21, 2006**. As 10/12 19 people have committed to visit the trail with us from Mount Sterling.

Tentative Schedule

8:30am Meet at the Mount Sterling Train Depot

9:00am Departure, drive separately or carpool

Loveland is approximately a 2 hour and 20 minute drive.

11:30am Arrive in Loveland, Ohio

11:30am Lunch, Meet with Nick Montjoy-Mt Sterling

native, Bike Ride Tour available, Free time to experience the trail

1:15pm Grand opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Scenic

Trail Center in downtown Loveland, Ohio. The trail center is located in the heart of Loveland's downtown (which is very similar to Mount Sterling).

The Little Miami, Inc is a non-profit group that was instrumental in creating the Little Miami multi use trail. This group will be present at the trail center opening, and could answer any questions that we may have.

Nick Montjoy, a native to Mount Sterling, has lived next to the Little Miami Scenic Trail for over 20 years. For those of you who are interested in taking a ride along the trail, he has a ride plan that will show both the beauty of the trail and unobtrusiveness of the trail to property owners.

This is a great opportunity to bring your family, children, walking shoes, bikes, skates, etc. You have the opportunity to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP: littlemounttrailstotrails@yahoo.com or (859) 498-8732

4. Robin Reams emailed in wanting a link to the Pine Mountain Trail Conference. There is a link in the section called trails and greenways longer than 5 miles on the Trails and Greenways page. Is this satisfactory. Opens a larger discussion of how much we bring attention to greenways that are not railtrails