

KRTC Board Meeting, 2007-1-16, 4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street, Lexington, 6:30 pm.

Present: Ben Woodard, Keith Lovan, Robin Reams, George Ely, C. Wyatt, Gail Kulp, Mark Yanik, Eddie Farrey, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Dixie Moore (Sec.) , Keith Lovan (Chair).

1. Treasurer's Report. Dave Kjelby's financial report showed as of 12/31/06 \$16,158.33 in the stewardship fund (MM) and 11,404.41 in checking. Statement of Financial income and expense for November and December 2006 were reviewed. Report was accepted by voice vote.

2. Consensus items were reviewed. These items are informational, collected by the Secretary and reviewed by the members at the meeting. These items were not included since they are on the website.

3. A meeting was held at Pedal the Planet to discuss the Senate Concurrent Resolution 98 (SCR 98) study recently completed by the Legislative Research Commission (LRC). Dr. John Buckner of the LRC discussed the study, which examined the potential economic impact associated with bicycling events in Kentucky. Keith Lovan, Dixie Moore, Griff Baute (BCC), Wendy Trimble and Kenzie Gleason were present. Dr. Buckner pointed out that bicycling advocates have a lot of friends in Frankfort, reflected by the number and length of the various presentations over the years to the Interim Joint Committee of Tourism and Economic Development. He suggested that when biking advocates approach the legislature that they be very specific in their requests. He also reported that one way the LRC "measures" economic impact is by expenditures from "out of state" visitors to a site or event. Most of the studies and comments that were given to the LRC by local bike clubs and organizations did not have this data. It will be important for future cycling events to break down their attendance into an "in state" vs. "out of state" figures.

4. Keith Lovan discussed plans for the formal opening of BERT (the one mile section of the Brighton East RT in Fayette Co.) The section is paved and people are walking on the trail; Most work is complete but waiting on signage and landscaping. Tabitha Dotson, Tom Walters, Brian Dennis are forming a committee with Keith to plan the opening ceremony. Keith has been notified that Jeff Ciabiotti would like to present that \$5,000 donation from the Rails To Trails Conservancy. Keith expects that the committee will set a date for the opening ceremony sometime in March or April. Suggestion was made that perhaps the Jeff could address "green" organizations in central KY.

5. Keith reported that the website through Boyd Shearer's and Dave Kjelby's efforts can now accept payment over the internet using Paypal. Dixie expressed the concern was that appeared no way to know the mailing address of who donated. Dixie to check with Boyd and Dave on how to retrieve this information.

6. Keith reported that Arbor Day is April 28, at the Arboretum in Lexington. He would like to have volunteers staffing a booth between 10-2 and one of the display boards there. Keith Lovan and Cindy Deitz are working on the large display board and/or map.

7. The committee for corporate sponsorship to meet in two weeks. The committee is composed of Steve Wyatt, Ben Woodard, George Ely and Dixie Moore.

8 Keith Lovan reported that the Little Mount Trail Commission in Mt. Sterling might receive a large donation. They have asked if KRTC could hold the money for them until their 501 (c) 3 status is approved. Dave Kjelby, KRTC treasurer, has said KRTC could do this and one of the ways would be to have a separate dedicated checking account. The motion was passed and seconded for KRTC to take on this responsibility if needed.

9 The status of the Bluegrass Rails to trails Foundation was discussed. Robin Reams asked that she be replaced as the BRTF representative. Dixie Moore asked if BRTF had decided to change their mission and focus on Clark County rather than all 3 counties as originally proposed. (Fayette, Montgomery, Clark) since the organizational structure of RT advocacy has changed from regional to counties; no one knew the answer. Dixie Moore will ask BRTF their plans. It was requested that Fayette County needs to have does not have an organization yet that is just county wide, it would be appropriate if BRTF continues to hold the money that would be allotted to Fayette until such time as there is an appropriate accepting RT organization in Fayette County.

10. Eddie Farrey presented plans for a possible trip to Owensboro-in April and May to view their greenway. Tentative plan would be to meet in Owensboro at 1 pm, Sat. Ride in the afternoon and have a meeting in the evening at one of the hotels. On Sunday morning perhaps ride across the bridge over the Ohio. KRTC could encourage other railtrail and greenway groups to meet there as well. Eddie to check out this plan with Sue Fowler, a KRTC board member from Owensboro. There is a local bike club that would probably be of assistance.

11. Eddie Farrey reported that April 20-22 there will be a conference "Campus Community Partnerships for Sustainability" at the Perkins Conference Center on the grounds of Eastern Kentucky University. The conference is to foster partnerships between Kentucky colleges and universities and their local communities to work together toward a sustainable future. The first conference was held on Berea College's campus in 2006 and attracted more than 350 people. Every year the conference will travel to a different Kentucky college campus. The featured speaker will be Eben Fodor, author of the popular book, Better not Bigger: How to take control of Urban Growth and Improve your Community. For more information go to www.greencampusky.org or contact the conference director Alice Jones, Alice.jones@eku.edu , 859-622-1424.

12. In response from a request from Eddie It was moved and seconded that KRTC sponsor the conference at a cost of \$125 and that KRTC have a booth using the big display board.

13. A 2 day trip to the Monon Trail in Indianapolis was suggested for this year. Cheryl Wyatt to contact people in the area to check out details of a possible trip. See <http://www.indygreenways.org/about-igwys.htm>

14. Dixie Moore reviewed tentative plans for the Lexington - Big Sandy Relay. She reported that she had requested to extend the relay into Boyd County. Tentative date is Trail Day, June

2nd.

15. Next scheduled meeting will Tuesday, February 20, 2007.