

KRTC Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 20, 2007
4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Keith Lovan (Chair), Dixie Moore (Fayette), Kristen & Eddie Farrey (Madison), Gail Kulp (Madison), Tim Cooper (Winchester), Lynda Wilson (Mt. Sterling), George Partridge (Fayette), Dave Kjelby, George Ely

1. Consensus Items – no consensus items presented; members were directed to the items posted on the website
2. Treasurers Report – Dave Kjelby, Treasurer, gave a financial report and the report was approved by voice vote. 4 donations have come in over Papal; the online payment system on the website has been working. PayPal charges 30 cents per transaction plus 2.9% of the dollar amount.

As of Jan 31, 2007 current assets are \$28,001.04 maintained in the checking account and Money Market. He reported that income for January exceeded expenses; \$800 had been received in renewals and new memberships. He reported that several donations from the previous years earmarked for local groups had not been disbursed in amounts ranging from \$10.00 to \$250.00. After a brief discussion the consensus was to go ahead and disburse those amounts to the local groups named which were Daniel Boone Railtrails and Bluegrass Railtrail Foundation. Secretary is to forward the addresses to the Treasurer so the checks can be mailed. This service to the local groups was discontinued last year due to the lack of interest and the amount of record keeping it entailed.

- a. A revised report for December 31, 2006 showed total assets of \$27,531.14 up from \$9,043.12 of December 31, 05. \$11,359.35 was in checking and \$16,158.33 in the Stewardship Fund that is in a Money Market Account. Accounts are at the Bank of the Bluegrass.

Old Business:

1. Web Site Update – The tabulation of trails and projects is scheduled to be updated later in the year.
2. Display board - Both display boards are currently stored by Keith Lovan. The large display board was used at the recent 5K Heart, Sole and Glove 5 K event whose proceeds were earmarked for KRTC. Local groups are encouraged to send digital copies of their logos to use to create plaques that can be attaché to the large display giving information and recognition to local groups.
3. Corporate Sponsorships – Dixie Moore, Ben Woodard, Steve Wyatt and George Ely are a committee working on corporate sponsorships. They have met; their approach is to offer value (advertising) for sponsorships.
4. Grand Opening for BERT (Brighton East RT). The date is set for the week of April 16. A press conference to be held in the middle of week so local dignitaries will be more likely to attend and the festivities are to be on Sunday, April 22nd. Keith Lovan is working with Sally Wright, Tom and Bonnie Walters, Brian Dennis and Tabitha Dotson to put on this event.

New Business:

1. Arbor Day, Saturday, April 28, 2007 – This is an annual event at the Arboretum in Lexington. The event goes from 10-2. As in past years KRTC plans to have a booth. Volunteers will be needed for 2 hour shifts. Keith Lovan is coordinating. The large stand

alone display will be used.

2. Coalition Share-Fest 2007 March 22nd and 23rd in Frankfort. Information about this event was shared. March 22-23, 2007 at the Capital Plaza, Frankfort, KY. This workshop is put on by the Kentucky Diabetes Network, the Partnership for a Fit Kentucky, diabetes and physical activity coalitions, and is for anyone interested in working with these groups. They would like to have a display from KRTC. For more information see http://news.uky.edu/news/display_article.php?category=0&artid=1339&type=2.

3. It was moved and passed that KRTC will be a sponsor (\$50.00 contribution) again for Bike Lexington, May 19th, Sat. The event attracted 400 people last year. Planned this year is a 10 mile bike ride and bike races at the Rupp Area parking lot Friday night.

4. It was moved and passed to renew our membership to the League of Am Bicyclists and to obtain insurance through their program for events. The cost is estimated at \$45.00. Membership cost is calculated on the number of active members and participants in the group.

5. There is a Diabetes Walk scheduled for June 2 at Keeneland sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. . The idea was discussed that KRTC could have a team and the team could wear the KRTC shimmels. More information at http://news.uky.edu/news/display_article.php?category=0&artid=1339&type=2. The shimmels are also available for KRTC members to use at other events.

6. Report from local groups who had representatives at the meeting.

a. Eddie Farrey and Gail Kulp reported that in Madison County the county has a hired a consultant for the rail trail project. The Madison Group is considering doing a sponsored walk along Tates Creek Road and going out the Old Wilderness Trail as a way to raise awareness. This could be a walk to raise money for diabetes. They might also want a bike safety program to accompany these walks. They also are pursuing a contest for a logo for their organization. They are also considering having an education meeting and inviting speakers from Fayette County who might have more nuts and bolts experience with trail funding and building.

b. Lynda Wilson from the Little Mount Trail Commission in Mt. Sterling reported that they are working on getting easements for a mile of CSX right of way in the city. She asked for more information about easements. Some discussion of perpetual easements and that KRTC can legally function as land trust to hold easements if needed. She indicated that the next step is to get appraisals. She indicated that there will be some coverage in their local newspaper on rails to trails in their community.

c. Tim Cooper from the Bluegrass Rails to Trails Foundation reported that they are getting appraisals on CSX roadway in Clark County, they are having easements drawn up by city attorney and are wanting to meet with landowners. He indicated that BRTF will pay for the appraisals. The group is helping to build a walking trail at the fairgrounds in Clark County. Dixie Moore asked if the current activity by BRTF is centered in Clark County. Tim responded that all of the officers of BRTF were from Clark County. She then asked if any decision had been made on how to distribute the existing funds which she estimated at about \$9000 since the monies over the past years were donated with the expectation that they would be used in the three counties listed in the bylaws, Fayette, Clark and Montgomery. He reported that BRTF has

not addressed this issue.

d. Both Little Mount Trail Commission and the Madison Group are close to getting their 501 c 3 status. This will allow each organization to operate as a non profit corporation and all contributions would be deductible. Dixie will follow up with Bill Gorton, the attorney for KRTC who is assisting on this process.

7. Next scheduled meeting will Monday, March 19, 2007