

KRTC Board Meeting, October 15, 2007

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cindy Deitz, Keith Lovan (Chair), Cheryl Wyatt, Steve Wyatt, Ron Schneider, Dixie, April Haight on phone hookup.

1. Consensus Items and Calendar posted on the website were reviewed.
2. Treasurer's Report. Steve Wyatt, treasurer, submitted a statement of financial income and expense and financial position for September. It was moved and seconded to accept his reports. Total contributions, primarily memberships was \$101.36; no expenses during this month. Total assets \$29,849.92 of which \$21,570.53 is in the stewardship money market account.
3. Dixie Moore presented idea of having a KRTC display at the Sustainability Showcase, October 16-17, 2007, University of Kentucky Student Center. The logistics and timing could not accommodate this.
4. By consensus it was approved to have the large display at the November 13-17, "Unbridled Opportunities", KY Parks and Recreation Conference at the Crowne Plaza Lexington - The Campbell House. The cost of the exhibit space is \$200.
5. Ron Schneider, a new board member, from Louisville who represented KRTC at the Thunderhead Alliance in Louisville reported on his participation. Thunderhead Alliance is a Bike Ped Advocacy group that is known nationally. 25-30 people attended the workshop. Strategies were presented to carry out campaigns. Among the suggestions from Thunderhead was that they discourage campaigns from hiring an agency to do a publicity campaign and that campaigns benefit from a "good story." Ron is also on CART, the Coalition for Advancement of Regional Transportation.
6. An inquiry was made about having our yearly or biennial audit done. Our last audit was done by Dean, Dorton and Ford at the end of 2005 and reported in the second newsletter of 2006. vol 9, no. 2.
6. The Board by consensus wanted to acknowledge the years of service by Dave Kjelby, Treasurer for the last two years and in prior years. This appreciation will also be included in the next newsletter.
7. Mark Yanik submitted in a report on having a roundtable session at the Kentucky League of Cities Convention. He called it a huge success. He had over 50 key political figures come sit at his session about KRTC. He will forward on a list for the newsletter distribution. Suggestion was made to highlight this event in the next newsletter.
8. Keith Lovan reported that he and Cheryl Wyatt are planning to meet with the Anderson County fiscal court to discuss the Tyrone Rail Trail. The topic has been tabled till the November meeting with the Lawrenceburg City Council.
9. Cheryl Wyatt suggested that KRTC members put together and archive the activity on other projects, such as the Tyrone Rail Trail, for future use and reference.

9. The Board agreed to have an open house in December for the regular monthly meeting either on Monday, December 17th or on another night that week. Members who would like to host the open house to contact Keith Lovan.

10. Discussion on content and scheduling of the traditional biennial Rail Trail Conference that KRTC has held six times. Suggestion was made to talk to Tiffani Jackson, State Bike/Ped Coordinator to see the degree of overlap between the conference the state is planning and if it is feasible and makes for a better conference and attendance to combine the two events in 2008. One possibility to have the Railtrail conference on the front end of the Bike/Ped Conference. Steve Wyatt to bring up this possibility with Tiffani Jackson.

11. Suggestion was made to have a brief introductory article on how to build a trail on the website. Ron Schneider was suggested as a person who could easily write this type of article. Secretary to follow up.

Consensus Items not reported in the Minutes, 10/15/07

1. Gail Kulp reported that the Madison County Greenway Trip to the Virginia Creeper did not happen due to low attendance. They are still working on the same trails and with the city commissioners/government in Berea and Richmond. The local bike shop in Richmond (Mike's Hike and Bike) is going to be having a Cyclocross race on December 1 at the Lake Reba Recreational Park in Richmond. All of the proceeds are being donated to Madison County Greenways and Trails, so we'll be working with them to help put this event on.

2. November 13-17, "Unbridled Opportunities", KY Parks and Recreation Conference
Site: Crowne Plaza Lexington - The Campbell House
Keynote: Doug Flynn [Class of 2006 KY Athletic Hall of Fame]. In response to a request asking about having a RT booth the reply was "We would love to have you. Many of our members are interested in your council and some attended the Eastern KY Rail Trail Summit that was held in Olive Hill at Carter Caves Park. We can accommodate you (big display, not staffed) for some exhibit space at \$200. Is that a workable solution?"

3. KRTC was approached to have a display at the Big Blue Goes Green: A Sustainability Showcase, October 16-17, 2007, University of Kentucky Student Center Wednesday, October 17,

4. Report by Cheryl Wyatt on KRTC participation in the Earth Jam Concert, Lexington 10/4/07, KY Theatre. The organizers obviously had great intentions and worked hard to put together tonight's event. Apparently, the biggest error was being on the night of the South Carolina UK game. If they were targeting college students from UK, they lost their audience because of the game.

The table area for the different organizations only allowed for an individual with brochures. However, if an easel was brought too, a poster could be setup behind the

individual that either had photos, maps, logos, etc. So it might be good to consider a single poster type display that would only require an easel.

As far as our table top display, since there was no room for the display at the organizations' row, I asked permission to setup the display on the marble top over the old radiators at the KY Theater. By using only the green board and the three panels that made the KY map, we were able to set up a decent display that people saw as they came in.

I was given an opportunity along with the other organizations to say a few words about the mission of KRTC. Rick (didn't catch his last name) had a standard Earth slide for each organization. He apparently had used the mission statement from the KRTC website. The crowd was sparse (probably less than 50), but some brochures were picked up. We left around 9:45pm, and I left about 10 brochures on the KY Rails to Trails designated space.

If they do this again next year, I would expect they would avoid a football game night. It would be worth it for KRTC to continue to have a presence there again next year.
Cheryl

5. LOVELAND BIKE TRAIL VISIT. The Little Mount Trail Commission, Inc (Mt. Sterling) is planning a visit to Loveland, Ohio to visit the Little Miami Scenic Trail again. Saturday, October 27, 2007

Rain date: Saturday November 3, 2007. Leaving the train depot with members at 9am sharp, or if you prefer to drive separately, we plan to meet at Nisbet Park at 11am in Loveland for a group lunch. Send an email to littlemounttrailstotrails@yahoo.com or call (859) 498-8732 if you're interested!

6. Next call for Transportation Enhancement applications will begin in December 2007. Intent to Apply applications is due between December 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 through Kentucky's Dept. of Transportation. <http://tea21.ky.gov/>. The Office of Transportation Enhancement Programs oversees the Transportation Enhancement Program, the Safe Routes to School Program and the Scenic Byways Program. For questions regarding the TE program please contact Shane Tucker at shane.tucker@ky.gov.

7. The third Mid America Trails & Greenways Conference December 9-12, 2007, Chicago, Illinois. The cost for conference registration, not including pre- and post-conference workshops, is expected to be no more than \$250 per person. Steve Wyatt will attend as KRTC's representative. <http://www.openlands.org/resources.asp?pgid=363>

8. KRTC trip to see and ride the Monon Trail in Indianapolis is now scheduled for the Spring of 2008. Tentative plans are to meet in Indianapolis Friday night for dinner and early Saturday morning meet with local RT advocates at their restored depot at 8:30 AM who can talk about their trail making and then ride the trail. There is a loop that uses the trail of about 28 miles. More details will be available in the near future as to trail surface,

selected hotel and Friday dinner plans. Tentatively at least 10 members have expressed interest in the trip.