

KRTC Board Meeting, November 19, 2007

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cindy Deitz, Keith Lovan (Chair), Cheryl Wyatt, Steve Wyatt, Dixie Moore, Mark Yanik, Lynda Wilson, Bill Fortune, Robin Reams, Gail Kulp, Kristen and Eddie Farrey, Cindy Deitz

Background Information posted on the website or in emails were reviewed.

1. Treasurer's Report. Steve Wyatt, Treasurer, submitted a statement of financial income and expense and financial position for October 2007. Total contributions, memberships and interest were \$96.50; expenses were \$366.77 primarily related to newsletter. Total assets \$29,529.65 of which \$21,617.03 is in the stewardship money market account. He also presented a revised financial income and expense statement for September. The revised report for September and the October report were approved and accepted.
2. Brief discussion of consensus items.
3. Dixie Moore discussed the possibility of buying a mailing list for a mailing of the newsletter in 2008 that would target cyclists, horseback riders and/or runners in an attempt to attract new members and RT supporters through out the state.
4. The email from Lehan Hancock from Owensboro wanting to be involved in KRTC was reviewed. Cheryl Wyatt to follow up with Sue Fowler, a representative to the Council from that area and with Lehan to find out her interest.
5. Steve Wyatt to follow up with Tiffani Jackson re: KRTC participation in the Bike/Ped Conference scheduled for August.
6. Beverly and Bill Fortune have volunteered to host the Holiday Potluck on Monday Dec 17th. Many thanks to their generosity. Bill handed out maps to the house.

Old Business

1. The Web Site continues to be updated. It now has the first draft of trails and trails project in the Trails Section of the Forum. The Dawkins Feasibility Study is due to go up.
2. Both display boards were used recently. One in Mt. Sterling for Court Days. The other was used at the KY Park and Rec Conference in Lexington. Cindy Deitz is updating the maps for the large display.
3. Corporate Sponsorships. Pedal the Planet has agreed to buy the back page ad space for 2008.
4. Clean up on Brighton East Rail Trail is still without a date. Given the weather and the holidays it was the opinion to do it in the spring before the leaves come out.

New business

5. Discussion was held on the two public meetings held 11/14/2007 and 11/15/2007 at the Recreation Center in Paintsville and at the Lloyd M. Hall Community Center in Salyersville. The Big Sandy Area Development District conducted the meetings to provide information and receive public input on the proposed rail trail project tentatively called the "Big Lovely" along the Dawkins Line in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties. Sandy Runyon, Denise Thomas, Regina Hall, Jeff Sizemore and Melanie Stevens conducted the meetings and presentations.

Several RT supporters from the cycling, hiking and horseback riding community attended the meetings. Special thanks to the area's horseback riders who attended; Tom Marshall, Randy Adams, Edith Conyers and Randy Adams. Other railtrail supporters were Cynthia Cole from Pikeville and Martin Douthitt from Jackson. Phyllis Hasbrouck, Ben Woodard, Dixie Moore, Keith Lovan and Ginny Grulke, the Director of the Kentucky Horse Council.

Keith Lovan and Dixie Moore reported on their observations. At the Paintsville meeting Keith estimated the support for the project was split 50/50. At Salyersville the opinions were again split. Dixie described the Salyersville meeting as having non supporters as well as supporters. Several people were asking questions suggesting they were interested to know how the trail could be developed economically. Keith raised the possibility that if two of the County Judges were opposed to the project that the Big Sandy ADD may ask KRTC to railbank the line. Members were in agreement that if KRTC were asked to file the railbank extension we would do it. .

6. Dixie Moore reported that the Pennyrile group is filing for nonprofit status. She brought up the idea that it would be appropriate for KRTC to help this group get its 501 (c) 3 status since we have helped other groups. Lynda Wilson made a motion and it was seconded that KRTC could give financial assistance to this group with a maximum amount of \$500.

7. Lynda Wilson reported that Montgomery County along with Bath, Carter, Rowan, Carter and Morgan County are working with the Gateway ADD to develop a regional adventure tourism strategic plan to prioritize future developments in this rapidly expanding sector. They will be establishing a regional adventure tourism advisory council, comprising representatives from participating counties as well as regional stakeholders. They will be using ARC Flex-E grant funds working with Adventure Travel Plan and in the grant are asking for \$52,000, approximately \$10,000 per county. .

8. Lynda Wilson reported that the Little Mount Trail Commission are working on becoming a land trust alliance; they will be getting insurance to cover their liability The city of Mt. Sterling is unable or believes that they are unable to authorize easements as charitable donations and believe that it is less likely to be challenged if the landowners give their easements to the Little Mount Trail Commission which is a non profit, who then in turn could give their interest to the city. She is getting letters of intent about easements in preparation of getting easements. They will be using some of the grant money they have to pay legal fees connected with the assessment of value and the transfer of easements. They are working on a 10 ft wide trail for .75 mile. Also work continues on the remodeling and the restoration of the depot.

11 people went to Loveland on their October trip to the Little Miami to see how it is works.

9. Kristen Farrey reported that in the spring of 2008 Madison County will be working on the industrial lane trail (formerly referred to as the Wetlands Trail) and the trail along Duncannon Lane. The State is requiring an archeological assessment of the area before work can proceed.

10. Kristen Farrey presented information on a public meeting, Tuesday, November 20th on corridor planning for a connector route from Interstate 75 to US 27. Possible routes are through Madison County and a route near Spears in Fayette and Jessamine Counties. She brought up for discussion whether or not KRTC should write a letter as an interested party that bike and pedestrian uses be considered. It was

moved and seconded that Keith Lovan as Chair write a letter for KRTC asking that bike and pedestrian uses be incorporated into any plan that is accepted.

11. .Dixie Moore is getting samples of totes this week from Allen Southall. Would like to order some nylon, lightweight totes, to give to people who join or renew membership in 2008. I think our members are pretty "green" and would like a tote to take to the grocery. The canvas bag was nice however it was bulky and hard to mail out. Could use the new logo.