

THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:37 pm, February 17, 2011 at the Ferry County Professional Services, 319 E. Delaware Street, Republic WA, the place designated for such meeting. The meeting was called upon at least two days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting. The following were present: Directors Bob Whittaker, Melissa Rose, DiAnne Hewitt, Judie Cribby, Sarah Spark, and Keith Bell. Linell Harvey was also present. Guests included Paul Cribby, and four gentlemen to discuss pending Americans with Disability Act ("ADA") issues.

WELCOME, CHANGES TO AGENDA: Agenda was circulated, and additions made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes of the December, 2010 meeting, which had been approved, will be posted as final. The Minutes of the January, 2011 meeting were approved as presented, with discussion.

At this time, it was acknowledged that this meeting was Judie's last as a Director, and the Board thanked her for her extraordinary service. It was also acknowledged that Melissa would be tendering her letter of resignation later in the meeting. Linell Harvey has agreed to serve Melissa's unexpired term of one year as Treasurer, and was welcomed as a new Director.

Spark presented the final director position schedule for approval. Specifically, the current grid, with present changes, now is represented as follows:

Position #1, 2011, 2012, 2013:	Bob Whittaker		
Position #2, 2011, 2012:	Melissa Rose	=	Linell
Position #3, 2011, 2012, 2013:	Sarah Spark		
Position #4, 2011, 2012:	DiAnne Hewitt		
Position #5, 2011:	Judie Cribby		To be Elected
Position #6, 2011:	Keith Bell		To be Elected

This staggered rotation schedule represents the Board's intention to have two directors rotate out each year. At this year's annual meeting, we will hold elections for the rotating positions, although the required 45-day nomination period will not be in compliance. We will figure this out later.

Correspondence was received from Rory Lindsay of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (attached) congratulating us on our successful "Ski Day" and enclosing a copy of their January newsletter (attached). Bob responded.

A letter was sent to Sen. Maria Cantwell (attached) thanking her for her interest in the rail trail and detailing the project in depth, specifically with regard to funding opportunities and challenges. Bob received a phone call from her aide, Wyatt King, acknowledging the letter and that he'd pass it on to Washington.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer DiAnne reported that there is \$652.68 in the checking account and \$950.36 in savings. Outstanding bills to be paid are the post box rental of \$40.00 and a charge at Digital Documents for \$18.61. DiAnne has now transferred all documents to Linell.

It was decided that the names of DiAnne and Judie should be removed as authorized signers on the bank account, and that of Linell Harvey be added. Spark will prepare and deliver a "Request for Change of Authorized Signers" to the Coulee Dam Credit Union.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach/Judie: Conservation Fair: The subject of Conservation Fair on April 16 and who would lead it was temporarily set aside.

PR/Updates: Bob announced that we now have more than 120 "friends" on Facebook!

Grant Writing Committee: NPS grant: Michael Linde was in town Feb. 3, attended the RCC meeting, FC Hospital Health Foundation, the Health & Wellness group, TEDD, Parks' "Ranger" Rick Sanders, the Curlew School and the Forest Service during his stay!

WA DOT TE grant: County Engineer Bob Brashears wrote a letter to the WS DOT Regional office, submitting a request for variance from the standard of width of the trail; that clearance was just received. However, there is more info pending regarding scope and design. It is expected that communication between the RCC and County Engineer Bob Brashears will shed more light soon.

Spark gave a brief update on the "Bikes Belong" grant foundation and will continue to follow up. Briefly discussed was the "Archeological & Historical Preservation" grant recently circulated.

Research & Development: Keith circulated two forms for documenting in-kind hours (attached). Judie tendered her 2010 volunteer hours and strongly encouraged us all to do the same. Keith will be the "Hours Monitor" and keeper of the forms!

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on RCC: The RCC has been broadening itself with the formation of sub-committees, involving more individuals, etc.

Bob reported on a new interpretation regarding ADA compliance requirements and invited our guests to speak. Stan Christie, representing the Golden Tiger Committee, took the lead and gave his explanation as to such legislation, specifically HB-1203 which supposedly passed and is now SB-5366, which would allow ATVs on unpaved roads of less than 35 mph, as sponsored by Mike Hoak of Lk. Stevens, Snohomish County. Mr. Christie provided us with a copy of an article from "American Trails: Ensuring Trails for our Future" (attached). They discussed their concerns with the March 15, 2011 date when the DOJ rules will apparently allow certain "other power-driven mobility devices" to be used on trails by "individuals with mobility disabilities". They left following the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: Spark will confirm the Carousel as our meeting site. It was decided to host a walk to the meeting, and that each year we would try to hold our meeting site at a location further north on or near the trail, such as Malo Grange, Curlew Civic Club, and then Blanche's home!

We'll hold our Directors' meeting at 12:30 – 1:30, set up until 2, then begin the annual.

It was decided to invite the NE WA Raptor Recovery group to do a presentation; Bob will contact them, help determine the best order of the flow of the meeting; we'll finalize details later.

Bob will also look into ordering more t-shirts, with more variety to style and color. He will also buy pedometers to give away. Melissa will follow up with Scott Brothers' Coffee so as to serve and have available for sale our labeled coffee. Spark and Bob will bring water.

NEWSTART = Northeast Washington Sustainable Tourism and Recreation Team. It was decided that we will be involved in this organization and attend monthly meetings when possible.

Melissa tendered her letter of resignation (attached), saying she has enjoyed her tenure as a founder of the movement. The Board all expressed their appreciation for her dedication and determination throughout the years. Cards and small gifts were given to both Melissa and Judie.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: DiAnne announced a bicycling event at Lost Lake, near Bonaparte Lk, on Labor Day weekend, called the "Great Escape"; she'll keep up posted.

Melissa let us all know that this evening, even with its Fullest Moon, the Northern Lights were supposed to be notable.

Spark invited all to go "full moon snowshoeing" on Sat. March 19, 8pm at Boulder's sno-park.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 6:30 on March 17, 2011 at the Ferry County Professional Services, 319 E. Delaware, Republic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

TO DO:

- Spark to draft banking resolution re change of signers
- From 1-20: Mel & Bob: Draft ltr to Comms re encroachment
- Bob to confirm Jerry's interest in being nominated for the Board as Director
- Spark to follow up w/ Bikes Belong
- Spark to confirm meeting site
- Bob to invite raptors to meeting
- Bob to purchase more t-shirts
- Bob to buy pedometers
- Melissa to contact Scott Bros re coffee, mtg.???
- All to update in-kind sheets