

**Minutes of
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
July 25, 2011**

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was held at the Pavilion in Topinabee, Michigan on July 25, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Committee members present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Connie Vorenkamp, Gary Street, Virginia Chenevere, Ann Baughman, Kim Kihnke, Mac Richardson, John Roberts.

Also attending: Jim Conboy, Leo Chenevere, Harold Koviak, Dennis Dombroski, Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Minutes

Moved by Gary Street and seconded by Mac Richardson to accept the minutes of June 13, 2011 as written.

Motion unanimously carried.

Updates

Natural History Bicycle Ride- Kim Kihnke

Kim Kihnke reported on the July 30, 2011 Natural History Bicycle Ride to start at 9 a.m. at the Maple Bay Campground. Thirty riders have signed up for the ride. Stops along the way have been planned for Colonial Point, Little Traverse Conservancy Property, the Gorge, Hogsback Road, Bear Saw Creek and will end at Hoppies on Burt Lake. Hoppies is offering a 10% food discount for participating bike riders. Press releases have been made to newspapers, television and radio stations.

Pledge collection letters-Ann Baughman

Ann Baughman reported pledge collection letters have been sent to pledge donors. Courtesy letters of updates and information on the survey work being done along Brutus Road and West Burt Lake Road have been sent to West Burt Lake Road property owners.

Mac Richardson reported that the BLPA approved a \$34,000 payment to the trail project.

Summer Corn Roast Event- Virginia Chenevere

Virginia Chenevere gave an update of the work to be done for the corn roast planned in August. It was decided to postpone the event until 2012 to give more time to promote the event.

Trust Fund-Gary Street

Gary Street received a letter from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund asking for more information.

C2AE will be reporting the results on the survey on Brutus Road and West Burt Lake Road.

Other comments

Ann Baughman suggested a Burt Lake Trail Facebook page on the internet. John Roberts will help with this project.

Jim Conboy, Guest Speaker

Jim Conboy, Board Member of the North Central State Trail, presented a history of the trail, which was finished in 2007 with a grand opening in 2008. The trail, a crushed limestone surface, is in its fourth season. The trail is publicized by distributing brochures in various places along the route. Signs are located in eleven locations on the trail indicating the name of the trail. Jim said a benefit of a limestone surface trail is it is less expensive than asphalt and needs less maintenance. The trail is maintained by the DNR. Volunteers from the Friends Group of the North Central State Trail are also used to help maintain the trail. Jim said property values have increased for property owners along the trail. Businesses along the trail have also benefited. Jim said it is important to let trail users know where restrooms are located.

Next meeting

The next trail meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall with guest speaker Barbara Nelson-Jameson, National Park Service.

Motion

Moved by Connie Vorenkamp and seconded by Kim Kihnke to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary