

Minutes of
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
August 22, 2011

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was held at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Rd. Cheboygan Michigan on August 22, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Committee members present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Connie Vorenkamp, Gary Street, John Roberts, Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere, Bert Ebbers, Mac Richardson, Frank Kestler, and Jay Jontz.

Also attending: Mary Street, Leo Chenevere, Harold Koviak, Jim Larson, Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Minutes

Moved by Mac Richardson and seconded by Connie Vorenkamp to accept the minutes of July 25, 2011 as written.

Motion unanimously approved.

Updates

Natural History Trail Ride Report

Steve Vorenkamp reported the Natural History Trail Ride which took place July 30, 2011 was a success. Over 30 people participated. Kim Kihkne was commended for a good job of organizing this event. Art Pillen, designated driver, Gary Street, Trail leader, John Roberts and Ann Baughman, support and photography were thanked. In addition Doug Fuller from Little Traverse Conservancy, Karie Slavic and Bob Vandekopple from UM Bio Station and Jeff Winegard from Top of Michigan Trails Council were thanked for sharing their insights into the natural history of the area.

MDOT TE Application

Emily Myerson sent the application to MDOT. The request is for development of the trail from approximately North Raver Road to Hogsback Road. C2AE estimates \$473,325.00 will be needed to construct this segment of the trail. MDOT staff will review the application in September.

MNRTF Grant

Gary Street reported the grant was sent in and has been received by MNRTF. The trail needs to be built by May 2013 according to the time line for the grant.

Financial Update

Gary Street reported that when the funds are received from MDOT they will be deposited in the Burt Township account. Funds will also be received from pledges given through the TOMTC. Frank Kestler explained he will track the finances from both sources of funds into one set of

books.

Thank you letters are being sent to contributors to the trail and the letters can be used for tax purposes.

Guest Speaker

The C2AE representative scheduled for tonight's meeting will make the presentation at the September meeting when more information is available.

New Business

Committee Members and Structure

Steve Vorenkamp said he would like suggestions for speakers and potential committee members or advisors for next year. How to organize meetings for next year will be discussed at the November meeting.

An update concerning Burt Lake Trail accomplishments will be included in the Burt Township winter tax bill mailing.

John Roberts posted pictures on the Burt Lake Trail Facebook site that he and Ann Baughman had taken of the July Natural History Trail Ride.

Public Comment

Jim Larson asked several questions. Steve Vorenkamp asked Jim to e-mail the questions to Steve so that he could give him correct information.

Next Meeting

The next trail meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall with guest speakers Barbara Nelson-Jameson to speak on Trail Signage and Donor Recognition and C2AE.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Jan Jontz and seconded by Art Pillen to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hutto-Nolan