

# Milwaukee County Trails Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2013

- ❑ Attendance: Cheri Briscoe, Harold Schmidt, Kate Nelson, Mike Priem, Dave Schlabowske, Mike Bonk, Jim Marks, Travis Willer, Chris Squires, Jeff Weiss, Angie Tornes, Gordie Bennett, Jill Organ, Kristen Bennett, Melissa Cook.
- ❑ Approval of Minutes: **Approved**
- ❑ Previous items:
  - Status of Council Member Appointment – Update
    - Steve Taylor and Keith Holt have been appointed by Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.
    - All Member Filled
  - Draft of New Bylaws – Update
    - Some progress has been made, but draft not ready for review.
    - Update needed for next meeting
    - Determined necessary officers: Chairperson and Vice-Chair
    - All secretarial duties will be the responsibility of Milwaukee County Parks.
    - Will be looking nominations to fill officers at next meeting
  - Trail Etiquette Education
    - Schedule a meeting with Jessica Binder, Dave Schlabowske, and Kristen Bennett to discuss implementation campaign.
  - Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Outreach
    - Reach out to SEWRPC to request a staff member attend an upcoming council meeting to speak to regional bike, ped, and trail plan/vision or economic benefits of trails.
- ❑ New Items:
  - Mountain Bike Handbook update
    - With no further comments, handbook will move forward towards final draft.
  - Adopt-A-Trail Program formation
    - Looking to develop this program
  - Updates – Jill Organ was pull away from the council meeting and will be providing updates on Milwaukee County trail projects next meeting.
    - Hoan
    - FEMA projects
    - The Rock Sports Complex
    - Riverside / MPS Trail access closure

- Action items for next meeting:
  - Nominate Officers for Trails Council
  - Update on Bylaws
  - SEWRPC speaker update
  - Trail Etiquette update
  - Milwaukee County trails updates
  - Possible Need for Public Information Meetings
    - HAST closures
    - Snow and Ice removal on Oak Leaf Trail
      - Determine pilots segments
      - Best Practices
      - Educate on costs, use of resources, and where this will be implemented.
  
- Announcements:
  - Upgrading Snowmobile Bridge in Franklin Park is moving forward  
\$75,000 – 100% match from DNR Grant
  - Study is being conducted for Fat Tire Biking on Snowmobile Trails
  - ISMA – World wide snowmobile sales up 12 %
  - State Legislation (1354) moving forward to develop a two-tier system for snowmobile fees.
    - Clubs work to maintain and operate trails and their resources are diminishing. The purpose is to encourage riders to join a club.
    - Snowmobile Club members - Free
    - Non-Members – Pay
    - 235,000 registered snowmobiles
    - 25,000 club members
  
- Next Meeting:
  - July 11, 2013
  - 10 AM
  - Parks Administration Building  
9480 Watertown Plank Rd  
Wawautosa, WI 53226