

Cobequid Eco-Trails Society  
Minutes Meeting #15 Wednesday, January 13, 2009  
Sobey's, Robie Street, Truro 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: Garnet McLaughlin (Chair), Norris Whiston, Mike Hansen, Kim McCallum (Treasurer), Sheila Wilson, Bette Spence, Bonnie Waddell (Secretary), Gwen Mader (representing bikers)

Regrets: Art Ives, Gordon Benjamin

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

**1. Approval of the agenda:**

Moved by K. McCallum, seconded by M. Hansen that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**2. Approval of the minutes of meeting #14, December 6, 2009:**

Norris noted misspelling of two names: Oliver Maass and Ken MacKay. Also, on the events schedule Fran Wyman has finalized the date of a snowshoe event at Scotsburn as Sunday, February 7, 2010. To clarify, 83 people volunteered as trail builders over a two year period. 2009 saw 21 new builders, plus there were 10 employed to work on trail building (Colchester County and NTC project).

Moved by B. Spence, seconded by S. Wilson that the minutes of meeting #14, Dec. 6, 2010 be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

**3. Business arising from the minutes:**

- Landowner Agreements: Mike reminded us that it is important to have the Landowner Agreements registered. Bonnie will submit the signed Landowner Agreements to the County solicitor for official registration. Two still need work (Allan Bonnyman & Martha MacLaughlin) - Kim knows them personally and will follow up. Norris has the original signed documents in his files.

**4. Officers' Reports:**

**4.1 Chair (GM):**

a) Roger Mailman (NS NTC Representative) notified Garnet that as Coordinator for NS/PEI he will be visiting every significant project. It is important to have the Federal Infrastructure signage posted, with a photo op with local MP. Norris will post the sign and arrange the publicity.

b) Trans Canada Trail: The conceptual map tentatively shows the “historic” trail from Tatamagouche to Belmont. Mapping is to be done from NB border to North Sydney, and Tatamagouche to HRM. TCT received \$30 M but has only spent \$5 M in 5 years.

c) Sandy Anderson has a trail mandate in his job with Crown Lands. As a trail advisor for government he has been asked to develop a strategic plan for Crown Lands, including overview and inventory of points of interest, and where trails intersect Crown lands.

d) Cory Robart works for the ATV organizations as provincial representative – Wagner is asking snowmobile clubs to pay \$10 per km to use Wagner land. The lawyers say “Do Not Agree To Anything”. Wagner doesn’t own the land, it only manages it.

e) Kim noted that he had attended a public meeting with Nova Scotia Power officials, to discuss the Nuttby Wind Power Project which they have taken over. Kim asked for their Community Trail Policy. They did not know of one, but said they would look into it.

#### **4.2 Treasurer (KM) – CE-TS Financial Statements & Report:**

Kim presented the Financial Statement as of January 13, 2010, as well as a Cash Flow Report, and an update on the campaign to get an HST Rebate for CE-TS. He announced our intention to apply for a Trail Maintenance Grant from the Municipality of Colchester County. The deadline is 4:30 pm on January 29, 2010. There followed some discussion of what maintenance would be done with the grant.

Moved by K. McCallum, seconded by M. Hansen that the Treasurer’s Report be approved.

CARRIED

#### **4.3 Secretary (BW):**

a) Membership Renewal notices were mailed just before Christmas with a homemade ornament using our logo. 36 members had already renewed, 37 were needing a renewal. Several were returned as undeliverable.

b) Web site: A new domain name has been registered to CE-TS – www, cobequidecotrails.ca Registration is normally for two years @ \$49 per year.

Moved by M. Hansen, seconded by B. Spence that the Secretary be reimbursed for expenses related to membership renewals, photocopying/scanning for one year (minutes, grant applications, etc.). Total \$315.18.

CARRIED

**5. Gully – Nuttby Committee Report:**

- a) Volunteers & planned activities (NW): Layton Lynch and Norris put up posts (two at Hwy 311 and one at Taylor Lake at the snowmobile road) marking the Earltown Lakes & Portage Trail. Cape to Cape Red Arrows also put up throughout. Sheila, Bette, Ineke, and Norris snowshoed the Sandy Cope Trail to get it ready for the CE-TS sponsored event.
- b) Contractor Progress Report (GM): Earltown Lakes connector to the Sandy Cope Trail is not finished. Next is the Wilderness area near the Glenn Road. Inspection is required and signage must be finalized before an official opening day.
- c) Trail building Future Plans
  - Main Trail Head (Big Foot(s): The footings were successfully installed with fill by Kim working with David Baxter and Eugene Merton from River John. As soon as weather permits work can begin on the structure. Deadline March 31, 2010.
  - postponed to the next meeting: to March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 and onwards (Wish List / ideas).

**6. TMA: Draft Risk Management Plan - Working Group:** Bonnie, Megan, Norris agreed to work on this. It was suggested that Fred Clarke, a new CE-TS member who lives in the Earltown Lakes area and has an interest in search and rescue, be invited to help develop the Risk Management Plan.

**7. CE-TS Web Site Development Strategy - Working Group:** This item is postponed to the next meeting.

**8. Annual General Meeting & Open House – Date: March 2, 2010**

It was decided that the Open House in Stewiacke be arranged separately from the AGM. Tentative date set for Tuesday, March 2. Tentative location: Douglas Street School or the Colchester Historical Museum program room. It was suggested that we have a moonlight walk following the meeting.

**9. Correspondence:** None

**10. Other business:** None

**11. Date & Agenda of next Board meeting:** after the AGM, at the call of the Chair.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Grant Applications: Glen Road (Gully Lake Area) to Rogart Mountain trail system:

TOTAL: \$136,849.20 (\$45,616.80 is in-kind)

- North Shore and Area Community Health Board (Tatamagouche)  
Wellness Fund Grant Program

Requested: \$2,000 Approved: \$2,000. **Rec'd \$800**

**Received \$1200 June 2009 COMPLETED**

- Municipality of Colchester County  
Community Trail Funding Program

Requested: \$50,000

**Received: \$50,000 May 2009**

- Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Sport and Recreation  
Recreation Facility Development Program

Requested: \$39,232.80; Approved **\$29,000 over 2 yrs**

**Received: \$15,000 Oct. 2009**

- National Trails Coalition 2009/2010

Federal infrastructure program

Requested: \$66,600. Approved \$60,000.

**Received: \$30,000 Aug. 2009**

- 50% upon signing (rec'd) Aug. 2009
- 20% based on cash flow projections (not rec'd)
- 20% based on Solemn Statement of Substantial Completion (submitted but not yet received)
- 10% upon acceptance of GC acceptance of final audited report for entire NTC funding program.

**Received: \$24,000 Jan. 29, 2010**

Grant Applications for Trail Workshops Summer/ Fall 2008

- Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection  
Trails Leadership Fund (Contact Steve Vines, New Glasgow)  
Requested: \$4,948 rec'd \$3,959 (\$989 withheld until final reporting March 2009)  
**COMPLETED**

Other Grants:

- Municipality of Colchester County  
Not-for-Profit Insurance Funding Program  
Requested \$264 Approved \$264 (Dec. 21, 2009)  
**Received: \$264.00 COMPLETED**
- Municipality of Colchester County  
Community Trail Funding/ Maintenance Program  
Requesting 50% for Rogart Mountain \$5,000  
PENDING Submitted Jan. 27, 2010
- Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection  
Community Trail Maintenance Program  
Requesting \$1,000 matching for Rogart Mountain  
PENDING Deadline: fiscal year end - March 31, 2010