



Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022 – Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Lindsey Weaver, Chuck Carlson, Bryan Pike, Randy Harrison, Steve Fisher, Kent Skaar, Wade Miller, Dani McNeil, Russell Heittola

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

- 1. Call to order:** Lindsey W called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Introductions from Dani McNeil-new staff person in DNR (Brainerd Area) Parks and Trails office and Russell Heittola-Trail Coordinator for Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club.
- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** The agenda and last month's minutes were approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$3,781.25 Savings: \$6.00. Comments followed on getting all financial records and reporting data with same official CLTA address using P.O. Box 908, Brainerd, MN 56401.
- 4. Reports/Discussion:**
 - Planning and Design Committee:** *Landowner Updates:* Beckrich's in Riverton wish to get a better understanding of the proposed trail location ahead of purchase agreement. Chuck C. and the DNR can work with the landowner to identify areas of concern related to future trail development. Bryan, Chuck, Matt and Jenny met with the Schiffler's (east Crosby landowners) concerning "The Gap" trail development needs. Similar landowner concerns are present today as was 10+ years ago. The concerns were discussed and options for potential trail development were discussed at the small group meeting. Development of a trail on the south side of 8th Street NE in Crosby and crossing back over further east is not ideal from the DNR's perspective due to riders staying on the city road. Working with the C-I School District on this issue is necessary if the north side of 8th Street is not a viable option in the end.
 - Community Communication Committee:** *Facebook/Social Media Updates:* Facebook followers continue to grow as well as Instagram. Web-site searches are strong. See Social Media info on Basecamp (Large Group) for detailed data. *CLST Route Map:* The draft map was reviewed for the existing CLST trail and conceptual route from Riverton to Brainerd. Options exist to show map insets showing the built segment in Aitkin and adding specific language identifying the statutorily allowed state trail. Identifying the conceptual route on private property is still a concern.
 - Funding:** Discussion began with opportunities for obtaining funding for development and construction of the Sand Creek bridge that has design plans developed from funds obtained by the ATV group(s). Can and should grant opportunities using IRRRB and LCCMR grant opportunities be pursued before the late May deadlines. Challenges exist in this pursuit and discussions followed related to the conceptual route getting approval leading to the proposed Sand Creek bridge location. Should trail design and conceptual route funding come ahead of bridge construction funding? MN DNR Parks and Trails Division has submitted multi-million-dollar LCCMR proposals the last few years and has been successful in achieving funds. Kent S. will be submitting a similar statewide proposal this year. Chuck C. will meet with the ATV group and see what opportunities are most important in pursuing first. LCCMR grant deadline is May 26, 2022.
- 5. Next Meeting Date (2nd Tuesday of each month):** 5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.