



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
July Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2015, 7 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by Vice President Dena Noe at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS:

Present: 16

Hersey Coble Wehrbein
M. Torell Godfrey Dunbar
Warren Scoby Hammer
Stevens Bentrup B. Torell
Greene Noe Arp
Ringlein

Absent: 13

Baker Heinrich Vannier
Rosenboom Griffin Messerer
Case Carveth Collier
Hirsch Sonderup Burd
Jerke

Excused Absences: Hirsch, Carveth, Rosenboom

Guest(s): Sara Hartzell, Nicole Tooze, and Ernie Castillo

Minutes from June 2015

- Approval of minutes moved by Stevens and seconded by Coble. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Murdock Trail – Hartzell

- Reviewed the pavement of Murdock Trail from Touzalin Ave to 70th Street with ten feet wide concrete.
- Sara reviewed her new role at Parks and Rec. Taking over Terry’s old role.
- Contact info is: shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov (402) 441-8261

Prairie Corridor Update – Tooze

- Update on the Prairie Corridor project given by Tooze. Four major components: 1. Preservation and conservation of tall grass prairie, 2. Trail access, 3. Habitat development and 4. Education and Outreach.
- At the August meeting, Tooze requested GPTN pledge funds for the Next NET Grant (Application August 2015).

N Street update – Castillo

- Construction has been moving along nicely. Currently on budget for the project, but currently a little behind schedule due to the rain. Currently planned to finish the project on time (October 1, 2015).
- Currently 18 funding sources for the project including NTF/GPTN.
- Majority of the construction is between 14th and 17th. Striping will be starting very soon.
- Approval of two stage turn boxes received!
- Maintenance of the trail will be discussed next week. DLA or Public Works will potentially remove snow and ice.

Treasurer's Report – Hersey

- Finances reviewed. A couple revisions from the previous report regarding Trail Trek vs. general GPTN expenses will be made. Hersey requested any additional Trail Trek expenses be sent to him as soon as possible.
- M. Torrel moved and Coble seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Noe

- Nothing at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee – Bentrup

- Fundraising is going nicely for N Street. Getting closer to the commitment.

Government Relations Committee – M. Torell

- M. Torell stated that she met with Brent Davis and Julie Harris of the Nebraska Bicycling Alliance to strategize for the next session.
- Bicycle Safety as a radio promo also potentially on the docket.

Public Relations Committee – Dunbar

- Storage of maps and membership cards discussed for public events. The Jayne Snyder Trail Center closet discussed. Store a key behind the counter of the Hub Café. A storage unit also discussed for memberships items and event tent, Trail Trek signs, etc.
- Dunbar discussed purchasing a rollup banner for GPTN.
- Membership letters also discussed. The three letters discussed. Could a postcard be sent in lieu of the letter.
- Recruitment at running, cycling, etc. events.
- Utilizing the Trail Trek email contacts for GPTN memberships.
- Stevens suggested that we go to Lincoln Track Club meeting and the Lincoln Marathon Expo to solicit memberships.
- Walking club and Beginner's Luck also mentioned.

Trail Use and Activities Committee – Greene

- Planning for a celebration for the N Street grand opening discussed.
- Potential support of The Hub Café at the JSTC discussed.

Trail Trek Committee – Noe

- 811 adults and 457 children in 2015! Very successful year. Waiting for the finances to be finalized prior to sending a check to NTF.
- Hammer mentioned a donation to the Village of Eagle, NRD and Parks and Rec for use of trails.

Finance Committee – Godfrey

- The committee met in June and discussed the Trail Trek vs. GPTN funds.
- Reviewed the previous quarters finances and noted no irregularities.

Administration Committee – Noe

- Nothing to report.

PROBABLE AGENDA ITEMS for next Board meeting:

1. GPTN pledge funds for the Next NET Grant (Application August 2015) for the Prairie Corridor.
2. Donation to the Village of Eagle, NRD and Parks and Rec for use of trails for Trail Trek out of the GPTN General Funds.

Next GPTN Board meeting:

- Jayne Snyder Trails Center, August 10, 2015, 7 PM

Adjournment at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary