



Harbor Springs Chapter

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Meeting Minutes June 17, 2010

- Present: Jerry Keeney, President; Dennis Fay, Treasurer; Tim Calloway, Trail Foreman; Anne Billiard, Secretary; Gary Zebko, Acting Vice President; Greg Billiard; Roderick Sheldon, Dale Bolinger.
- Secretary's Report: There were no corrections to the Minutes of the April 15 meeting.
 - Anne Handed out binders to the officers with the information received from Dan Watson, NPS. Binders should be brought to all group events, as they contain Volunteer Agreement Forms and Injury Report forms, along with other information.
 - More brochures (1000) were ordered from the NPS.
- Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$657.87 in our NCTA account and \$400.00 in our local account, for a total of \$1,057.87 in available funds.
- Trail report:
 - Greg and Anne mowed Sec. 2, and will do Sec. 3 and Sec. 4. BUT COULD USE MORE HELP!
 - Dennis will mow Sec. 6, 10, 11, BUT COULD USE MORE HELP!
 - Tim will mow Sec. 5 (if his hip allows), BUT COULD USE MORE HELP!
 - Tim is in contact with John Goble, who has indicated that he has a group who will maintain Sec. 1. He is a probation officer and has work crews.
 - Sixteen people hiked Section 7 on Trails Day, June 5. It was a beautiful day, and we saw MANY lady slippers. Some boardwalk sections need minor repair on this section. Boardwalk #4 may just need a couple of 4x4 supports. Boardwalk # 8 may just need additional screws in places.
 - There are two sections of boardwalk in Wilderness Park that need to be replaced, Hopefully, the Park will take care of it.
 - Anne will get additional camping permits for French Farm Lake and ask the DNR to patrol for compliance, especially during peak usage times.
 - Reroute: Dennis and Greg will go up and check for any additional boardwalk that needs to be built. A work day will be needed to remove 'toe stubbers.'

- The construction project in Mackinaw City is not scheduled to start until after July 4. Jerry will keep in touch with them. We are on our own as far as building a kiosk. Jerry may ask for a grant to help with the cost. Emily Meyerson is the contact person.
- Friends of the Headlands would like our help in improving the “user friendliness” of the trails. Anne will contact Dan P. and see if we can set up a meeting to talk about what they would like us to do. Dennis will lead a hike through the Headlands so we can see what it is like, and where the trails go.
- The next scheduled hike is July 11, Section 9. Dennis will get with Ken Kelsey to try and post the schedule of his hikes on our web site.
- Dennis and Anne have been taking care of the log boxes. Anne stocks sections 1-5, and Dennis 6-11. It has been working out very well.
- It was decided that we will not be in the Harbor Springs July 4 parade. Their art show is July 3, and Jerry will set up a booth for the NCT and “Getting Kids Outdoors.”
- New business:
 - Andrea Ketchman, Director of Trail Development from NCTA in Lowell would like to meet with us. It was set up for Tuesday, June 22. We are meeting at 9am at the Dutch Oven in Alanson, and from there will hike a section; possibly sec. 2.
 - Top of Michigan Trails Council communicates with their members through Facebook. Jerry suggested that we do the same. Some people aren’t on Facebook, but we could reach those that are. Peggy is willing to set it up.
 - The new reroute signage was still confusion, so Tim fixed the blazes, painting over the remaining old ones, and painting new ones, from Trails End road into Mackinaw City.
 - Guest Dale Bolinger told us that the Tribe has outstanding topographic maps available. Go to the Law Enforcement Building at the Tribal Center. They are free.
 - Jerry is trying to get more of the big road signs. He was told that they are very expensive, and so we need to get approval from the Road Commission. (!)
- Next meeting is August 19.

Respectfully submitted,
 Anne Billiard, Secretary
 Harbor Springs Chapter
 North Country Trail Association.