

Harbor Springs Chapter, North Country Trail Association  
Meeting Minutes June 18, 2009

The meeting began after eating pizza. ☺ Members present: Jerry Keeney, President, Gary Zebko, Vice President, Dennis Fay, Treasurer, Anne Billiard, Secretary, Greg Billiard, Ralph Mueller, Margo Hodder, Sheila Malleis, Bruce Allard, Jim Stamm, Nancy Stamm, Jim Elzinga, Linda Helford, Eric Davis, guests Riley Hirn and Sharon Hirn.

Eagle Scout Candidate Riley Hirn gave a presentation on the boardwalk that he built on Section 3 for his Eagle Scout project. He built four sections of boardwalk for a total of 156 feet. It took 115 man-hours to build. We can now hike section 3 without getting our feet wet! Thanks, Riley!

Minutes from the April 16 meeting were read.

Dennis gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$1338.71 in our NCTA account, and \$91.15 in the local checking account. He is waiting for a check from National to put into our local account.

There is still no word on the trail head kiosk in Mackinaw City. Jerry will talk to the people at the Top Of Michigan Trails Council. We will make an offer to donate money for the kiosk, if that is an issue.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Harbor Springs parade: Member Scott Smith has offered to pull our mower/trailer with his antique tractor in the HS parade. All members and friends are invited to hike in the parade and hand out NCT maps and brochures. Greg will drive the mower to HS and meet Scott there. Jerry (with help) will set up the gazebo and have a table with brochures and maps and information.

They have changed the NCTA national website. The easiest and fastest way to get to our page is to go directly to [www.northcountrytrail.org/hrb/Home.html](http://www.northcountrytrail.org/hrb/Home.html) If you haven't seen our site, please check it out and bookmark the page. Dennis has done an outstanding job on keeping it updated. It looks great!

Dennis has marked all the GPS coordinates of our section. They are accurate to within 20 feet. Eric Davis has a GPS that he said he would donate to us.

If you find any mistakes on the new maps, please let us know. The next time we print maps, we will include GPS points. (We just ordered & received 3200 maps)

Anne will take maps to the EMS on the Harbor Road. (Thanks, Ken for the great idea).

Margo will lead the hike on July 12 on Section 7. We briefly discussed the possibility of putting water bars on the sand dune hill.

Tim is busy this summer, and can't help like he has in the past. Anne and Greg will keep the mower at their house (5730 Valley Rd., Alanson). Any time someone feels like mowing, just come and get it. Dennis, Jim, and Greg all said they would do parts of it.

There was logging on section 1, but the trail is clear.

Section 2 has some wet spots (more board walk?) and needs mowing.

Section 4 is in good shape.

Greg will mow sections 2 and 3.

Scott Smith will hopefully continue to mow section 1.

There were no permits in the boxes at French Farm Lake. Anne will pick some up from the DNR office.

Submitted by Anne Billiard, Secretary