

Tittabawassee Chapter
North Country Trail Association
Minutes for January 5, 2006

Attending:

Jerry Allen	Lyle Bialk	Peg Jones
Andy Zeek	Cora Killinger	Vern Killinger
Bob Schrem	Gary Johnson	Doug Sowle
Stella Thelen	Cliff Aldrich	

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Jerry Allen
- Two corrections were made to the minutes from the November, 2005 minutes and they were approved as amended
- The financial report was given. A brief discussion of the limits placed on the grant money we have available. The financial report was approved.
- Jerry described the new NCT road signs that are available. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of approaching the DNR and MDOT to install the signs if we purchase them. No action was taken.
- Jerry announced the nominated slate of officers: President – Gary Johnson, Vice-President – Andy Zeek, Secretary/Treasurer – Stella Thelen, At-large BOD member – Cora Killinger.
- Jerry called for any additional nominations from the floor. No new nominations were offered.
- The slate of officers was approved unanimously.
- Jerry passed the remaining Craisons to Gary Johnson in place of a gavel.
- Jerry presented a brief history of his involvement with the NCTA and the Tittabawassee Chapter, then thanked everyone for their support and assistance.
- Lyle gave a brief report on the Board of Director's meeting this past December, hitting several of the highlights.
- Cora and Jerry gave an update on the progress being made on our web page. We are finally getting things rolling there. Cora invites others to help out and contribute their skills
- Jerry officially turned the meeting over to Gary
- Gary passed out a proposed agenda for the Tittabawassee Chapter that outlines what he believes our priorities should be in the next couple of years
- Gary officially appointed Jerry Allen to continue as our representative to the Lower Michigan Trail Council
- Gary proposed combining our May, June and Sept. meetings with work trips. A discussion followed about possible meeting locations and times, and how the two could be incorporated.

The goal is to eliminate some driving, and also to entice some of our members who live in the Gaylord/Petoskey area to become more involved in the meetings. He will continue to work on this idea.

- Our Spring walk-through and meeting will be held on May 6th. The exact location and time to be announced.
- Gary announced that the annual Backpacking Days at Jay's is scheduled for May 20th. We may possibly be sponsoring a contest of some type to help draw more interest.
- Gary would like to start working on a Trails Day event for Jay's in Gaylord. Plans to promote via contests, Radio and TV spots. Lyle suggested that he contact Joan for some suggestions of things that have gone over well at their events.
- The Fall walk through date is tentatively set for Oct. 7th. We will hold off on placing this date on the trail calendar until we make a final decision.
- Peg announced the Quietwater Symposium which will be held on March 4th at Michigan State University. Many various outdoor activities are represented and invited to participate. We will attempt to send some representatives.
- We had a brief discussion of the pros and cons of distributing Maps and brochures to Motels, Visitor Centers, etc. While we like to get people to be aware of the Trail, many of the items distributed in this manner are either thrown in the trash without anyone seriously looking at them, or they can invite inappropriate and undesirable users onto the trail.
- A brief discussion of our trail adopters and how active they were. No conclusions.
- Our traditional summer work weekend was set for June 24th and 25th. The exact location TBA. This weekend will include a business meeting.
- Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:18PM