

North Country Trail Association
Tittabawassee Chapter
Minutes
May 5, 2007

Gary Johnson called our meeting to order at a little after 10:00 am at B's Family Café in Elmira. There were 17 hikers in attendance, and I understand there were a few more who came and left ahead of time. B's is famous for its pie (there were four kinds on the menu while we were there) so several of us tried a piece along with our breakfast. I had the Raspberry Cream and it was very good!

Gary reviewed the minutes from our last meeting. The treasurer's report was presented. We have \$1,233.55 in our account. We also have \$1,231.00 available in Challenge Grant money. We have a \$300 storage bill coming soon and some smaller bills but that still leaves enough money for projects. Our basic account is funded through donations and memberships. If you are a regular receiver of our news or regularly hike the trail, but are not a member, please consider signing up. The cost per year is very modest.

Doug Bedell was present at the meeting. Doug is the first recipient of the "**Jerry Allen TBW Big Foot Award**". This is presented to someone who has had a significant positive impact on our section of the trail during the year.

Jerry reported on his meeting(s) with the DNR and the Lower Michigan Trail Council.

All who were present signed cards for Doug Seaney and Belinda Brewster. Doug's father is very ill. Belinda Brewster's son was killed in Iraq.

Cora reported on our upcoming June events. There will be a work weekend over the weekend of June 15-17. Then, during the week, anyone who wants to continue to camp, work, and play may do so. The following weekend, Jun 23-25 will be a hiking weekend – no work allowed! If you are going to attend during this time, **PLEASE NOTIFY CORA SO THAT SHE CAN GIVE YOU DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMPSITE.**

Clare Cain (NCTA Director of Trail Management) is looking for trail damage information. If you have a digital camera and can record instances of trail damage, please send any photos to her. If you see an ATV where it shouldn't be, try to get the license number (a photo of that would be good too). Workers are needed in the Taquamenon area. Please let Clare know if you are interested. Clare is also coordinating a GIS mapping project and would appreciate your help. So far, 1924 miles of the trail have been mapped.

National Trails Day is coming up, so be sure to do some hiking on that day. Take someone with you and broaden their horizons.

The National Conference will be in Bemidji, MN this August 1-4th. It's always a great time – time to learn and time to hike and time to meet amazing people!

Our Fall Walk Through will begin September 15th. We will again meet at B's in Elmira.

Our November meeting will be back in Sanford

Stella Thelen, Secretary.