

Minutes – TBWChapter – NCTA  
November 6, 2006

The meeting was held at Alex's Railside Restaurant in Sanford, MI. President Gary Johnson opened the meeting at about 7:30 pm. Seventeen people attended.

Gary introduced Dennis Mashue from the Midland Hiking Club. They held their first meeting this past July. Dennis talked about their website on Yahoo and said all were welcome to review it. The address for the site is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/midlandhikingclub/>. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, they were to hold a meeting which would include a presentation about hiking the AT. That meeting was held at Chippewa Nature Center in Midland.

Stella Thelen gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$1510.17 in our account. We discussed buying a weed-whacker. Vern Killinger will look into the cost of a good one and let us know. We agreed this would be a good addition to our tools.

Stella also mentioned the names of 5 people who did not renew their membership. A few of our members will contact those they know to see what the reason might be. Per NCTA records, we have 61 members. Our "contact" list, which has members and non-members, has 143 entries. It would be great if all the non-members would consider joining!!!

**UPDATED SECTION:** Cora Killinger gave a report about a rerouting of one of our sections. The reroute is being flagged and necessary permissions are being pursued to make it a beautiful trail that will be off the 2-track road and into the woods. Also there are two separate trail sections, about 20 miles apart. **END OF UPDATED SECTION.**

Here is the estimated schedule of events/meetings for most of the next year:

January 11, 2007 Meeting with DNR in Gaylord (Gary will attend)

January 13, 2007 Annual Meeting in Houghton Lake

12:00 pm at Coyle's, off US 127.

March 1, 2007 Meeting

6:30 pm at Alex's Railside Restaurant in Sanford

March 3, 2007 Quiet Waters Symposium (Bob Schrems will attend)

May 5, 2007 Meeting

10:00 am in Gaylord at the University Center,

Meeting to be followed by a walkthrough

June 2, 2007 National Trails Day

Planning still in process – do you want to help?

Let Gary know!

June 16-17 ~~OR~~ 23-24, 2007 Work weekend

August 2-5, 2007 National Conference, Bemidji, Minn

Sept 15, 2007 Meeting

10:00 am in Gaylord at the University Center,

Meeting to be followed by a walkthrough

November 1, 2007 Meeting

6:30 pm at Alex's Railside Restaurant in Sanford

The Friends of the Jordon River Valley have put together a very nice calendar with some of their beautiful scenery. They are also putting NCTA information into their newly remodeled building in East Jordan.

Gary received a nice thank you letter for all the trash we picked up during our clean up weekend this year. Gary had a nice gift for our past President. We briefly discussed the Ridge Runner program.

Stella and Lyle mentioned the National Conference which was in Pennsylvania this past August. Next summer's conference is in Minnesota. It is always an enjoyable few days. If you've never gone, you should try it!

Lyle discussed the Lower Michigan Trial Council meeting.

Don't forget to enter your volunteer hours!! The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00pm.

Stella Thelen, Secretary/Treasurer