



BIG SKY COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes December 19, 2007

The Big Sky Community Corporation Trails Committee met on December 19, 2007 at 9:00 AM in the BSOA Conference Room. Committee members in attendance included: John Leeper (Chair), Ryan Hamilton, Jeanne Johnson, Margaret Leeper, Pete Bolane, Barry Margetts, Denise Schmidt and Steve Johnson. Kate Halloran was in attendance representing the staff. Kristen Gardner was also present to represent the Blue Water Task Force.

1. Call to Order

John Leeper, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

2. Blue Water Task – Kristen Gardner, the Executive Director of Blue Water Task Force, informed the committee that she and her committee would like to put signs up along the river and Crail Creek where they collect their data. Kristen also stated that they would be willing to pay for the signage. John suggested to Kristen that she discuss signage with Pete Bolane. The committee felt that this would be a great idea.

3. Committee Reports

- a) **Trails/Planning** – Barry and Denise have been out of town, however Kate gave them new survey results to analyze for the next meeting.
- b) **Maintenance** – Steve said that the Forest Service has begun work to stabilize the slides at Ousel Falls. He also stated that Herb Davis would like to additional grooming on the Crail Creek Trail. The committee thinks additional grooming would be very beneficial to the community.
- c) **Canister Placement** – Pete has been out of town, however upon his return he feels that we need to get canisters in at the Mountain ticket area as well as the Hungry Moose.
- d) **Canister Service** – Jeanne stated that the canisters were empty.
- e) **Public Relations** – Sub-Committee position that needs to be filled.
- f) **Maps and Signage** – Pete told the committee that the website is underway and will hopefully be going live this spring. Jeanne suggested that for any new maps we order, we have the web address put on them.
- g) **Spur Road Trail** – John explained that he and MJ went to Resort Tax and gave them an update as to why the Spur Road Trail had been held up. It turns out that we need a special permit for the section of trail outside of the right of way. Final comments will be into MDOT by mid January and construction will start mid to late April.

4. New Business – Pete Bolane mentioned that he would be talking to Keene Sperry and Ryan Turner about possibly donating photographs and art work to sell as a fundraiser. Steve suggested that maybe a photograph showing the four different seasons at Ousel Falls would be a good one. Pete said he would talk to Ryan as well as meet with possibly places to sell the art work/photographs – perhaps they could be sold at the market, galleries or even furniture stores – Pete will talk to different store owners.

5. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Trails Committee will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 9 AM in the BSOA conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.