

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 2018  
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin  
Guests: Jonathan DeKock

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 4 meeting were approved as written.

The minutes from the June 1 meeting were approved as amended.

**Officer Elections:**

Marc was unanimously elected to continue as Treasurer, a vote that had been inadvertently omitted from the elections at the previous meeting.

**Trail Book Update:**

The new trail book has been published, with 2500 books printed at a cost of \$12,216.50. CCF also had an additional 600 books printed to distribute at the school.

Committee members will each receive two copies of the book, and copies were also given to David Freedman and Mary Zoll in recognition of their contributions in producing the book. 25 copies were provided to the Police Department as they had requested; providing numbered trail intersection numbers for use by the Police was a major driving force behind the new edition. A box was left at Town Hall for the Town Clerk and ConsCom to sell. Ferns (new owner) bought a box, and over 100 copies were sold on Old Home Day weekend.

**Trail Signs:**

Steve reported that he had picked up the next batch of 25 painted signs and dropped off the remaining signs with Rachel Levy.

**Bay Circuit Trail:**

Alan reported that he has scheduled a presentation at the library by Dan and Marilyn Brielman for Thursday October 18.

**Trail Mowing:**

Jonathan DeKock reported that he had secured from Jack O'Connor the use of a 5 ft. rotary cutter for his tractor. The equipment needs some maintenance and he needs to arrange insurance to drive the tractor on the road. The committee agreed that the main priorities for trail mowing were Foss Farm, Fox Hill, O'Rourke and the main trails at the Town Forest.

**O'Rourke Storage:**

Marc reported that the barn structure may be demolished this summer. He will meet with Tom

Eagle from USF&W to make suitable arrangements for moving materials stored there.

### **Discussion Topic:**

#### **Trail Maintenance:**

Marc introduced a number of ideas for general consideration, related to trail maintenance, both by committee members and volunteers. The principal ideas to be pursued were:

- Purchase work gloves for use by volunteers.
- Have a supply of bottled water on hand at volunteer work sessions.
- Try to arrange for Bob Eaton to hold a seminar on chain saw use and safety, for committee members, but also perhaps for a larger audience as a public service.
- Promote the adoption of trails by volunteers.

### **New Business:**

#### **Trail Adoption:**

Don Smith has volunteered to adopt the Blueberry Trail. It was noted that, while a note in the trail book encourages the adoption of trails, there are no directions for how to proceed. Warren agreed to draw up some guidelines for review at the next meeting, so this type of activity can be more actively promoted.

#### **Web Site:**

Alan reported that the new Town web site is now live and includes most of the information from the Trails Committee's independent web site.

#### **Recent Trail Work:**

Marc cleared the Rangeway and Tupelo Trails.

Steve mowed the field trails at O'Rourke on June 9.

The work day on June 10 had 11 participants, but no High School students.

Alan and Steve cleared part of the River Trail on June 15, in advance of the RiverFest walk.

#### **Other Events:**

19 people attended the RiverFest Walk on June 16, many of them from out of town.

The Old Home Day booth was very successful, selling about 100 copies of the new trail book.

35 people attended some part of the Double Sundae Sunday Saunter.

#### **Future Activities:**

A work day was scheduled for Sunday July 22 to work on the northern section of the River Trail.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for September 7, with no meeting for August.