



Linn County Trails Association

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

December 11, 2006



The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday December, 11, 2006 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present that included the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President)	Dean Barnum	Jan Barnum
Amy Reasner(VP)	Joe Clark	Sandy Colton
Brad Mullin (Secretary)	Jim Healy	Cliff Koop
Ben Dukes	Geoff Eastburn	Roger Flint
Diane Handler	Dave Maresh	Ron McGraw
Lynn Ocken	David Oliver	John Wauer
Mike Wilson	Jim Wing	Adam Lindenlaub
Vicky Evans		

Trail Supporters:

Steve Hershner	Barb Flint	Dave Good
Pat Healy	Phyllis Fleming	Leland Freie
Bill Wiff		

Call to Order:

Jon Bogert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were circulated electronically and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Jon Bogert handed out the treasurer's report. Ed reported assets of \$76,620.40 and liabilities of \$35,000. The report was approved.

Grant Applications:

1. Witwer Trust: Diane Handler crafted an application for the Rx4Fitness Program. In order to assist this year's program, Ben Dukes moved that \$2600 be appropriated for the purchase of pedometers from the Walk4Life company. The Board approved.
2. Cedar Rapids Hotel-Motel Tax: Mike Wilson submitted an application for \$1500 for the Metro Area Trails maps.
3. Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation: Mike Wilson reported that a \$2000 grant was awarded for trail maps and will be received sometime in December.

On a motion by Amy Reasner, the above grant applications were ratified by the Board.

New Business:

1. By-law changes:

Amy Reasner moved that following changes to the association's by-laws be approved:

- a. The term of officers will be changed from the annual meeting to the first of the next calendar year.

- b. The meeting time and place will be furthermore established by the Board.
- c. Any appropriations greater than one thousand dollars require approval of the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Strategic Plan:

A near completed version of the LCTA strategic plan was distributed. Jon Bogert requested that board members and trail supporters provide feedback via electronically.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development (Ron McGraw):

- a. Linn County Budget Meeting: Ron, and several other members of the Board, attended the November 28 hearing on the budget for Linn County. The county has a specific budget for trails and recreational planning. Ron reported that the city of Cedar Rapids has no such provision in its budget specifically regarding trail development and planning.
- b. Corridor Federal Issues Trip: Ron recommended that the development of the CEMAR trail should be the association's highest priority in obtaining federal funds.
- c. Segment G Status: The last portion of the Cedar River Trail will be completed in the spring of 2007. The original plan involved utilizing ten foot sidewalks through a new housing development. The trail has been redirected behind the housing development and is yet to be completed. Drainage issues on the southernmost portion of this segment will also be addressed next year.
- d. Hoover Nature Trail: Negotiations continue in regards to the appraisal and acquisition of the last remaining properties from Wright Bros. Blvd. to the Linn-Johnson County line.

2. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner):

- a. Amy mentioned that the Cedar Rapids Gazette reported the election of LCTA's new officers for 2007
- b. The committee is brainstorming ways to assist the Corridor Federal Issue Trip delegation and promote the association's strategic plan.
- c. The committee would like to have input or ideas for trail related activities for the spring and summer of 2007. Ideas may be submitted at <http://linncountytrails.blogspot.com>

3. Trail Maintenance and Safety

- a. The committee is in need of a chair-person to coordinate the various organization involved.
- b. Lisa Fontaine, of Iowa State University, continues to work on a signage plan for the LCTA.

4. Volunteer/Supporter Development (Keith Sutherland)

- a. Vicky Hughes reported that there has been good response to the LCTA's fall fundraiser.
- b. Jim Wing asked for any articles and/or pictures for the upcoming newsletter. Submissions should be submitted before the end of the month.
- c. Tom Neenan, an advisory board member, received a KCRG-TV's *Nine Who Care* award. The Board agreed that an article about his experiences should be featured in the next newsletter.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Brad Mullin
Secretary