Facilitating and participating actively in the creation, maintenance and use of a network of trails for non-motorized use on San Juan Island.

San Juan Island Trails Committee Minutes

November 2009

Present: David Dehlendorf, Eileen Drath, Rick Extrum, Margaret Goddu, Peter Goddu, Alice Hurd, Liz Illg, Ann Jarrell, Don Jarrell, Jill Johnson, Dick Keefe, Mike Lazzari, Kyle Loring, Zita Parker, Cinda Pierce, Mark Pierce.

Volunteer hours this month:

October Steering Committee: 6

Today's Meeting: 16

General volunteer hours: 66

Work Parties: Hurd-22

Nishitani: 28

Roche Harbor Stewardship Group: 45.5

Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cinda Pierce at 5PM. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as circulated by email.

Introductions all around. New attendees Zita Parker , Peter Goddu and Margaret Goddu were welcomed and will be added to the email list.

Trail Tale: Eileen Drath met Michelle Loftus who was very enthusiastic about the trail work that was done near her property and spoke highly about the Trails Committee. Eileen will follow up with Doug McKutcheon regarding proposal that we help the Loftus family with re-building their fence (on Boyce Rd. adjacent to the King Sisters property) in trade for an easement along Boyce Road to continue the Valley View Trail.

Treasurers Report: Liz Illg reported that we have expended $2185.78 of our $4100.00 budget. We have $218.00 to use towards web-site management and several possible upgrades to our web-site are being considered, including a monthly calendar of events and work parties.

Old Business:

A. Park Plan Update: Several members attended the open house at Mullis Center and reported that there was a great turnout of interested people who were giving input as to priorities for trails on the Island. Members also gave input re: dangerous road situations between Lime Kiln State Park and County Park. A report on results of the open house here and on other Islands is due out by the 2nd week of Dec.
B. Trails Priorities and Project Managers list was reviewed and approved.
C. Trail Updates: **Mitchell Hill**—Article in The Journal that transfer to the National Parks is on track. Maps have been placed at the trailhead by David Dehlendorf. These were paid for by the Trails Committee and Roche Harbor Highlands. Dick Keefe has spoken with cyclists and horse owners who would like to have expanded use of Mitchell Hill Trails, but that historically the National Parks allow walking trails only.

   Valley View--No more work parties are scheduled on the King Sisters property.

   Liz Illg reported that the Town has received the engineering report on the pipeline project and that 3 options are being considered: 1. 7 Ft. north of the roadway, 2. In the roadway under the pavement , 3. Combination of the other two, but that the pipeline would go in the road next to the King Sisters property due to environmental concerns.

   Also discussed the Trout Lake watershed area and the possibility of partnering with DNR and increase trail development which would help with litter control and help to monitor activity. Mike Lazzari suggested contacting our Mayor-elect Carrie Lacher.

   Cattle Point—Frazer Homestead and the American Camp sections are unofficially open and being used by the public.

   Others: Golf Course Rd. section has been finished by Public Works with the addition of chips. They plan to post a warning for cyclists to beware of soft surface. The Nishitani and Alice Hurd easement sections have been finished by our Trails Committee work parties and are awaiting chips from Public Works. Contact has been made with a property owner at Golf Course Road/Dewberry Lane who is enthusiastic about a multi-use trail easement on her property. Public Works is having an internal meeting regarding ADA trail requirements and will have a response and clarification of our concerns by the end of the month.
D. Clarification of Volunteer hour reporting: members asked not to include any hours from formal work parties with a sign-up sheet.
E. Name for CPRT- Cinda Pierce asked members to come up with ideas for names and signage for CPRT and its different sections. David Dehlendorf suggested having public input and it was proposed that we choose 4-5 possibilities and present them to the public for input.

New Business:

A. Public Awareness and Education Ideas:

   Hosted hikes-Deadline to advertise in Island Rec Guide is Nov. 24th. We would like to host 4 public hikes per year. Date proposed for the Spring was April 17th on Young Hill for a wildflower hike.

   Sue Buettell is updating our flyer and will be forwarding it to us.

   Trails Plan Updated: still waiting for Parks Plan results of public survey.

Website/maps—Tim Dustrude is creating a calendar. Island Rec has clarified that business links

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cannot be placed on the website.

Discussed potential trail maps and that they need to be more ambiguous regarding trail that are across private property that we do not have an easement on at this time. It was decided that the use of shaded areas is preferred.

The Bicycle Committee wants to do more public education by letters to the editor and guesst columns.

B. Steering Committee job descriptions reviewed and approved
C. Email update: David Dehlendorf spoke with Mike Green at Rockisland and he has generously offered us our own account at no charge. Our email address will remain the same.
D. Jill Johnson will contact other members regarding a replacement for Secretary for the Dec. meeting.
E. Annual Potluck will be March 3rd. Eileen Drath and Jill Johnson have volunteered to help with the organization of the event. We will contact The Grange and report back with date availability and cost.
F. Members issues: Mike Lazzari suggested that we archive our minutes on a separate hardrive that we purchase to enable a permanent storage vehicle for the Trails Committee.

Important Dates:

Saturday, Nov. 14, Walking the Town with Alice Hurd, 10AM Islanders Bank

Wednesday, Dec.2nd, Steering Committee Meeting, 5PM Library

Wednesday, Dec. 9th, Monthly Meeting, Whidbey Island Bank

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Johnson

Secretary