

Friends of the Waverly Trails

Minutes of the meeting on 21 January 04

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The minutes were accepted as mailed.

Regular Business:

1. Kim Folkers led a discussion of plans for the Candlelight Ski Event. The time will be at 6 PM on February 21st. The Recycling Center will be the “warming house” with hot chocolate available. Hot chocolate will also be at the bonfire at Griggs crossing. Volunteers will serve as greeters at the Recycling Center and at the bonfire. We plan to set out the luminary jugs at 2 PM and light them at 4:30 PM. Sunday morning at 8 AM we will pick up the luminaries. This year we plan to put luminaries from the river to the bonfires if we have enough jugs. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Kim Folkers now!!
2. Joining the Rolling Prairies Trails chapter of the Iowa Trails Council was discussed. An explanation of this was mailed out previous to this meeting. The present state of the Trail system was reviewed. We have received donations totaling \$60 for memberships. We need to get another \$40 of memberships to be a chapter. Those in attendance felt that the money would be donated by the membership. It was decided to join Iowa Trail Council as soon as the money is donated.
3. The proposed trailhead shelter was discussed. We have about \$25,000 at present, mostly from the RAGBRAI donation. Our previous plans called for about \$40,000. We can build a smaller trailhead shelter that would be similar to a small park picnic shelter. We decided to ask the Quality of Life committee for a grant to help with the costs but we won't know about that until May. Tab will proceed with a smaller shelter plans.
4. Nomination of officers for the coming 2 years was discussed. This led to discussion of improving attendance at meetings. It was decided that our next meeting would be a social get together on April 21st from 6-8 PM, location to be decided. Supper would be catered. Children will be welcome. Invitations will be sent out closer to the meeting time and a RSVP will be requested. We will also send out a survey re making the meetings more accessible. Nominations were tabled until our next meeting.
5. Dave Harrenstein has set up a website for the Rolling Prairies Trails and has requested we report any news to him. Tab agreed to be a reporter for Waverly, Jo Porter agreed for Denver and she'll recruit Louie Hartman for Readlyn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Jim Rathe