

Friends of the Waverly Trails
Minutes of the meeting Apr. 23, 03
7 PM at City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed.

1. Trail work day Sat. May 3rd:

We have a number of shade tolerant plants left from a city project last fall that we can use on the Trail. Volunteers will help plant them. It was suggested that areas near benches would be appropriate areas to use.

There are approximately 430 nuts and washers missing from the side rails on the Trail bridges. We will spend the morning replacing these. Volunteers are asked to bring a wrench or an electric drill with a socket attachment. We'll use city trucks to get volunteers to the bridges.

General cleanup was suggested for the work day but the Tripoli Scout Troop wants to clean up the trail – they were scheduled two weeks ago but got rained out. We will leave the cleanup to them and the ½ mile volunteers.

2. National Trail Day is in June. We will get an article ready for the newspaper and a release for the radio encouraging everyone to get out and enjoy the Trail on that weekend.

3. The Adopt a ½ Mile Program was discussed. It seems to be working well. Next winter we will review the program to see if we should involve more volunteers in program.

4. Regional updates:

- a. Dave Harrenstein brought us up to date on the regional committee that has been established. They have selected a name: The Rolling Prairie Tri-county Trail System. They will incorporate as a non-profit named The Rolling Prairie Tri-county Trail Committee. They are an advocacy group that will not own any assets. They eventually will have memberships. They plan to meet the 3rd Tues. of each month, rotating sites. The next meeting is May 20th at 6 PM at the Clarksville City Hall.

Their vision is a trail extending from Readlyn in the east to Coulter in the west. The contracts are let for the trail from Clarksville to Allison and they hope to have the grand opening during Clarksville Days in June. Franklin County is working to obtain the right of way from Allison to Coulter which is scheduled for abandonment. We talked about getting the Shell Rock Trail completed to Clarksville and about the possibility of getting DOT permission for a trail along

Highway 3 from Waverly to Shell Rock. Their Committee plans to talk with all the governing bodies along the trail corridor about advocating for this trail.

- b. Herb Clemen discussed the organization of a trail committee in Readlyn. Mr. Busse is reluctant to sell and has raised the price. The land has been evaluated at \$100,000. The County has \$80,000 in grant money. There hasn't been much progress recently.
 - c. Gene Traetow told us about the Denver Maifest on Apr.26th. Everyone is invited. They hope to make this an annual event.
5. Dues notices will be sent out soon.
 6. Events: Sharon Cashman is organizing a group for a Halloween trail special. Kim Folkers suggested a regular Trail Committee ride during the summer. It was decided to start next week Thurs. at 6 PM and meet every week to ride or walk or skate. This can combine with Lawn Chair night that starts in June. Kim also reported the Blocktober Fest committee is planning for mid Sept with a blue grass festival as the main event.
 7. Several people have noted that the approaches to several bridges have settled making a hazard especially for rollerbladers. Tab will talk with the Street Dept. about fixing this.
 8. Signs with courtesy instructions were again suggested and Tab will take care of this.
 9. A tram schedule hasn't been developed yet. This is another opportunity for Volunteer help.
 10. The next meeting was scheduled for Wed. June 25th.

Jim Rathe