

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee Minutes of the November 9, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Paul Jahnige. Also present were members Eileen Keegan, Gwen Blodgett, Karin McGowan, John Hoogstraten, Diane Merritt and visitor, Phil Merritt

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Communications- none

Historic Dam Trail

HDT Opening Hike-held on October 16, 1:00 p.m., the event, attended by approximately 70 participants was introduced and led by PJ. The hike was attended by the landowners and author Elizabeth Sharpe and flood historian Eric Weber, who spoke at the dam site and at key locations along the route. The hike was followed by cider and cookies provided by WWTC.

The committee continues to progress on the project's completion. PJ and EK provided drafts of interpretive descriptions and information for placement in the kiosk and on trailside signage.

Brier Hill Workday- held at 9:00 a.m. until noon, Nov. 6, was to clear out the view from the outlook. The crew made up of twelve volunteers, including the entire WWTC, using our brush saw, chain saw and hand tools cut out sapling regrowth and some bordering trees.

Breckenridge Trail-JH suggested constructing a railing for the narrow bridge. He presented the committee with a list of materials, a design sketch and estimated cost. He said there is a small amount of material remaining from the HDT bridges we could use. After discussion it was proposed that we ask to be reimbursed by HLT for materials and we would volunteer our labor for the construction. We voted in agreement and JH will present the proposal to HLT.

GB and SlaP will work with HLT land steward and WWT intern Tamsin Flanders on Nov. 14, to complete the Breckenridge trail addition out to Rt. 9.

Fall Trail Maintenance volunteers

Hall- GB

O'Neil- KMcG and GB

Petticoat Hill and Lockes Loop- JH

Graves Sanctuary- EK

Bradley- PJ

Big View-mark trails with colors on blazes, PJ will map- DM

Tree cookies-JH sawed out locust tree cookies from Greenway tree removal project.

Trail blazes-PJ recommended developing a plan for consistent blazing of our trails. We will plan to use paint blazes. GB will consult HLT for color and style used on their trails.

WWT Trail location directions-K McG suggested including directions to our trailheads on our website. We all agreed and EK offered to take care of it.

Donna Gibson trail network-she agreed to open her trails to the public in return for trail maintenance. JH, EK, and GB will arrange to meet with her to investigate future trail possibilities.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt