

MINUTES Trail Coalition Board of Directors
City of New Richmond Civic Center, September 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Andre Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE – The agenda was posted at the Town of Somerset Town Hall and on the Coalition web site.

ROLL CALL – Board members present were Mark Gherty, Susan Heuiser, André Johnson, Andrew Lamers, David Mandel, Mark Vanasse, and Tim Witzmann. Absent Board members were Pam Kaiser and Marian Webber. Also present were Ben Heuiser, Bill Lawson (until ~7:40p.m.), Susan Stepka, and Jim Heebink (until ~7:50 p.m.) and Robbie Krejci (until ~7:15 p.m. when his discussion with the Board of Directors was complete).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - A **motion** (Gherty, Lamers) to adopt the agenda taking Item #1 ahead of other business. **Carried** with no opposition.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Discussion with St. Croix County Hwy Commissioner Robbie Krejci – Commissioner Krejci, Board members and others present discussed how best to work cooperatively with the County Hwy Department regarding trail issues. A give and take of information, some very detailed and some more general in nature occurred. Overall discussion was about looking for successes as the implementation phase of the County’s recently adopted bike & pedestrian plan begins. Consensus seemed to be that a beginning for a working relationship was forged.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER KREJCI, CONSENSUS ON THE BOARD WAS TO TAKE ITEM #2 AHEAD OF OTHER BUSINESS TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE PRESENT WHO NEEDED TO LEAVE.

2. High 64 Corridor Landing Hill Trail Study –Board members and guests discussed the details of a proposal from Warren White regarding engineering information about how best to proceed with trail plans on the Landing Hill portion of Hwy 64 located between County Roads V and VV along Hwy 64 in the Town of Somerset. The proposal contained details of work in two phases. A **motion** (Johnson, Gherty) to convene the Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Committee to make recommendations about how to move forward with Phase 1 of the proposal. **Carried** with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – May 10, 2017 – A **motion** (Lamers, Mandel) to approve the May 10, 2017, minutes as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors
Communications Committee – This discussion was delayed until Item #6.

Financial Report – Vanasse went over the financial report from the fund raiser at Barley John’s Brewery in August in addition to the August financial report. No concerns were expressed or questions raised.

Healthier Together – Susan Heuiser reported a *Walk to School Day* in St. Croix and Pierce Counties on October 4th. In addition, Health Partners is initiating a biking curriculum in schools and Somerset Middle School is hoping to take the required training and implement the program.

Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Committee – This committee has not met since April.

Bench Project - Vanasse reported progress toward involving the students and teachers at Houlton Elementary in fund raising efforts for the Art Bench in the planning stages for the Trailhead of the Loop Trail.

WisDNR Recreational Opportunities Assessment (ROA) – Susan Heuiser reported the ROA will be brought to St. Croix County as a part of the WisDNR’s designated Mississippi River section of the state in September of 2017.

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WisDNR is looking for input on what types of and where area residents use recreational facilities on WisDNR property to assist the development of future policies. A survey is a part of citizens' opportunity to provide input on the issues being addressed.

Others that may be available – No other reports were presented.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action (Resumed)

3. Fund Raisers

- Oliphant – October 4th – Vanasse indicated things were on time for the gathering on October 4th and that ticket sales were underway. There are a limited number of tickets and any tickets not sold will be available for sale at the event.
- Barley John's Raffle – Report and Review – Vanasse discussed the financial report regarding the fund raiser along with the *Financial Report* above. Several ideas about how to improve a future raffle fund raiser were discussed. Consensus was that the fund raiser was a worthwhile event that can hopefully be repeated.
- Fund Raising in General – Discussion included timing and types of event(s). More details as events are proposed.

4. Reorganization of Coalition Tasks – A **motion** (Witzmann, Gherty) to amend the *Standard Policies* document to indicate the Coalition *Chairperson* is to be the *Media Spokesperson*. **Carried** with no opposition. Susan Heuser will record that change.

5. Alternate Positions to the Board of Directors – Following discussion about how to fill the recently created Alternate Positions on the Board of Directors, a **motion** (Lamers, Gherty) to reach out to email recipients and *Facebook* followers about volunteering for the positions. **Carried** with no opposition. Susan Heuser will get the message details out.

6. Outreach Activities – How Best to Proceed – Recommendations from Communications Committee Following discussion of recommendations from the Communications Committee, the Board sent the issue of how best to proceed with future outreach back to the Communications Committee for a more in depth discussion and recommendations.

7. Other Trail Coalition Issues as they may occur – There were no other issues noted.

8. Set next meeting date – October 4, 2017 – The next meeting was set for October 4th at Oliphant Brewery.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA – Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Recommendation regarding the Landing Hill proposal, Pathways discussion about the Landing Hill proposal

ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA – None presented at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Lamers, Witzmann) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Heuser, Secretary