

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2020
Charlene Hinton, Acting Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Warren Spence, Marc Lamere, Alan Blevins, Charlene Hinton, Helen Young, Chris Chiapella

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Otto Judicke, Henry Cox, Christina Christodoulopoulos, Bob Goldsmith

Meeting was held via video conference. Chair Steve Tobin was not in attendance, so Vice Chair Alan Ankers chaired the meeting, with Charlene Hinton as Acting Secretary.

Documents Presented:

None

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Committee Membership:

Ankers reported that most of the members needing to do so had been sworn in by the Town Clerk. The remaining people should contact the Clerk to set up an appointment to be sworn in as soon as possible.

USF&WS Meeting:

Ankers reported that he and Tobin met with the new USF&WS Refuge Complex Manager Linh Phu on August 14, 2020 to review various items, including the working agreement, which needs to be renewed or renegotiated, and rebuilding the Tobin Bridge boardwalk.

The new agreement has not yet been worked out.

USF&WS will provide additional trail markers and improved signage for hunting season, for the Committee to install.

Linh Phu confirmed that USF&WS certification is required for anyone using a chainsaw on the Refuge. She will try to arrange training classes for interested Committee members, but none are available at this time.

She was enthusiastic about the plans to rebuild the Tobin Bridge boardwalk, and later confirmed that they could provide funding for the project, but it would need to happen immediately and be completed before the start of the hunting season in early October.

There was considerable discussion on the work to be done to rebuild the boardwalk. Tobin had

prepared a preliminary schedule, and the first steps had already been completed: the lumber had been delivered to the barn and Tobin, Ankers and Mat and Henry Cox had cut it all to size. Lamere asked if the boardwalk would be raised. Different opinions were expressed on whether raising it would be necessary and what additional work that would require. There was further discussion on what order to proceed in to complete the project. It was determined that these decisions could be made as work progressed. The next work session will be on Saturday, September 12, meeting at the Piggery Road Barn 10 AM. Plans for Sunday's work will then be determined.

Ankers reminded everyone to fill out a volunteer service agreement and said everyone will be responsible for their own timesheets.

Volunteer Trail Work:

Tobin has taken out several small groups of High School Students and Trekker Award candidates to do trail work and training, mostly on the River and Mist trails.

New Business:

Trekker Awards:

Otto Judicke was given his Trekker Award, No. 46, and was asked to share his thoughts on earning this award. He started the process in 2010. He was enthusiastic about how much he enjoys being outdoors whenever possible. He expressed high praise for the Trail Map book and found it to be very helpful in earning this award.

He explained that he had stopped working on this challenge for a while but when he came across his Trail Map book again, he returned to the quest with renewed interest. He especially enjoyed working on the Davis Corridor Boardwalk a few years ago.

Recent Trail Work:

All of the trails were scouted and cleared after the August storm
Tobin mowed trails with the DR trimmer: Red-tail and River trails; Woodhaven; Malcolm Meadows and Two Rod Road entrance; Fox Hill; Foss Farm; Towle field; and Greenough dam. Tobin removed fallen trees at Tophet, Malcolm, Holmes-Avery, Old Morse Road, Kibby trail, Banta-Davis and Greenough Pines trail, and cleared the Daniels Lane trail with Alan and Will Blevins.

Herold removed fallen trees at Benfield, Spencer Brook, Foss South Field, Fern loop, and Greenough near the bridge

Bob Goldsmith removed a fallen tree on the Acorn trail.

Ankers and Steve Spang mowed the trails at Spencer Brook with CCF's tractor.

Lamere reminded everyone of the link to the online trail work log, and that they should be recording their trail work on the chart. [<http://bit.ly/2p4AWOC>]

Rockstrom Trail:

Herold reported that a new "use trail" has been developed off the recently rerouted portion of the Rockstrom trail at Bartlett Farm, apparently by mountain bikers looking for an easier crossing of

the stone wall. The “use trial” is outside of the easement and on private property. Blevins volunteered to lead a scouting party to investigate the issue and propose a solution; he will notify others of the meeting time.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for October 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm, again to be held by video conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.