



Proposed Agenda
Monday 13 Feb 2005, 7:00 P.M
New Saco Parks and Rec Community Center
(Formerly known as Saco Armory)

Directions: Exit Maine Turnpike at Saco, exit 36. Turn RIGHT immediately after the toll plaza. At the end of the ramp, turn LEFT at the light onto Industrial Park Road. At the next light turn LEFT onto Rt. 112 toward downtown Saco. In ¼ mile turn RIGHT onto Franklin St. just beyond the playground. Community Center is on your LEFT in ¼ mile, on the far side of a large parking area.

1. Welcome and introductions. 5 minutes
2. Designate, Timekeeper & Process Monitor. 1 min.
3. Approve January Minutes – Brandon - 5 Min
4. Approve Dec.& Jan. Financial reports, and 2006 Budget– Bob Hamblen - 10 min
5. President's report- 10 min
 - Annual Meeting update, last Thursday in May .
 - Need for ETA Committees.
 - Move that ETA apply for a capacity building grant
6. 2006 Outings Calendar for BCM, Web and newsletter – Ethan, Events Committee – 5 min
7. Desfosses letter to shutdown the ET on her land. – John, Bob. H., Brandon
 - Scarborough Marsh clean up.
8. ETMD Report – Brandon, John, Bob H.
 - ETA voting at ETMD meetings: Block or individual. - Brandon
9. Snowy Egret Walk/Run 29 May (ETA's NTD event?)– Bob L.
10. Where does ETA want to be in 5 years? Visioning - Paul 30 minutes
11. Old Business
 - Jupiter Blues 2006 fundraising social – 5 min
 - i. Setup: Banner, literature
 - ii. Volunteer to sell guides and caps?
 - iii. Volunteer to organize any snacks?
12. New business.
13. Adjournment target: 8:30 P.M.

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Eastern Trail Alliance
Meeting Minutes January 9, 2006

Attendees: Dan Blanchette (Elliot), Stephen Huntress (ETMD Pres.), Steve Workman (Workman Consulting/ETMD)

Trustees: John Andrews, Bob LaNigra, Paul Revier, Paul Revier, Bob Bowker, Bob Hamblen, Brandon Gillard, Ethan Davis

1. Welcome:

- John Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

2. Designate, Secretary

- Brandon Gillard was designated as Secretary

3. Steve Workman

- Steve begins leading discussion on ETMD funding shortfalls and relationship between ETMD and ETA
- Presentation of funding report chart
- Update on trail status and condition of the on-road portion of the trail
- The trail guide may need to be reprinted as there are 150/500 remaining and we will need more for Spring.
- Presentation of off-road trail completion percentages. Steve was pleased and happily surprised with the progress that is being made with the off-road portions of the trail. To date 64% “net trail impact”. Steve presented a fact sheet that outlines the progress to the attendees. The board analyzes the info presented and discusses concerns about the chart that Steve says he will amend.
- Steve mentioned that he has had very informal conversations with York regarding a Mt. A loop trail to help bring them into the ETMD. York seems willing to work with the ETMD. Steve mentioned that the United Way in that area has a very strong presence and that he would begin a dialogue with the United Way about possible funding for this project.
- Steve mentioned that serious money needs to be raised by Elliot, Kittery and South Berwick to keep them on board with the ETMD.

4. John Andrews puzzled at how to improve relationship with the ETMD.

- Steve chimed in that in order for the trail to survive the ETMD and the ETA need to be closely allied. Steve stated that the ETA is a direct grass roots liaison to the users of the trail. He compares (very respectfully) the ETA to a music boosters program in high school. Steve is concerned that the ETA did not necessarily support the dues increase for 2006. He mentioned that when the ETMD was founded it was agreed upon that dues would have to be 10k/yr. to sustain and maintain the trail. They were set at \$2500 as they new Towns would not/could not pay that amount. The fees were raised to 5k where they sit currently and he thinks that they NEED to be at 6k for 2006.

- Ethan Davis mentioned that the ETA was not against the dues increase but the board wanted to see a breakdown of where the money was going.
- Brandon Gillard says that the ETA has a funding issue in that the majority of the operating budget comes from membership dues. He suggested having a fundraising packet to present to potential individual and corporate donors. Steve Workman said that the ETMD has information and pictures that he may be able to develop a power point presentation with.

5. Fundraising Committee Discussion

- John A reiterates that committees have been formed to address the ETA funding issues. We recognized a need formed the committees and now the committees will figure out a way to increase funding.
- Paul Revier requests that Steve W and Steve H come back to help the ETA develop ways to increase fund raising potential and revenue stream
- Dan Blanchette suggests that ETA reps attend the Elliot town budget meeting at the end of the month when the trail is on the agenda. It is discussed among the attendees that ETA reps should attend the Wells and Kennebunk meetings as well. It is suggested that residents of the communities are the only individuals who should attend.
- John Andrews motioned to have a fundraising committee meeting. It is agreed that the meeting will be held January 16th 6pm at our Saco location. The meeting will be attended by Brandon G, Bob H, Paul R and Tom D.

6. Steve Huntress, Steve Workman and Dan Blanchette leave the meeting.

7. Move to approve December minutes

- Minutes approved

8. Motion to approve financial report

- Hold off until Feb. meeting

9. John A mentions that the BCM will publish all of the ETA events in their event calendar for 2006.

10. Potluck Supper scheduled for January 28th at 5pm.

- Draft flyer presented by Bob B. with mention of 3pm XC Ski outings

11. Motion to approve the 2006 due increase to the ETMD

- Motion approved but a request was made for a pie chart that outlines where the money is being spent

12. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Submitted by B. Gillard – Acting Secretary Dated Feb 6th, 2006

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13th at the Saco parks and Rec. Bldg. on Franklin St.