



## **Proposed Agenda**

### **Monday 8 August 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 & Secretary. 1 min.
3. Approve 11 July Minutes – Bob LaNigra 5 Min
4. Approve Financial report – Bob Hamblen - 5 min
5. ETA Visioning Exercise – Paul Revier - 30 min
  - *(Paul's on holiday, this may slip a month.)*
6. Critique Jupiter Blues Fundraising Social – Bruce, John, all who attended. 10 min
7. 8 Lighthouse Ride Status – Bob Bowker
8. Move that ETA sponsor a Contra Dance fundraiser. John, for Carol F.
9. Role in 2006 TREK. – Bob LaNigra
10. ETMD update. Tom, John - 5 min
11. Election of one ETMD Trustee - 5 min John
  - Who will attend ETMD's Wednesday meeting?
12. Old Business
  - Working session to define ETA's new Membership Committee - Paul
13. New business. 5 min
  - Brainstorming: How do we coordinate and support new volunteers?
14. Adjournment target: 8:30 P.M.

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## **Eastern Trail Alliance**

### **Meeting Minutes July 11, 2005**

#### **Attendees:**

**Trustees:** John Andrews, Bob LaNigra, Paul Revier, Ethan Davis,  
Tom Daley and Bob Hamblen

**Guest:** Peter Compagna

#### **1. Welcome:**

\* John Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

#### **2. Designate, Timekeeper and Process Monitor :**

\* Bob H. was designated as timekeeper/process monitor.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2005 Meeting:**

\* Previous minutes were approved by all trustees.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

\* Treasurer's report for June 2005 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **5. Move that ETA Develop a Membership Growth Committee:**

\* Since membership is dropping, it is necessary to form a group to address this issue. Paul will organize a committee and this will be discussed at the next meeting, as well as some of the comments below.

\* Bob H. suggested that we should be more visible promoting the ET and maybe have weekly walks or bike rides along the ET. E.g., meet each week at the Scarborough Marsh for a walk. Peter C. stated that we need to differentiate our org. "somehow" to increase membership interest and participation. People probably think "What do I get for my membership??" so it is important that we make ourselves more visible.

\* Ethan has organized several bike rides for July and Aug., which will be published and distributed to all members.

\* Bob H. suggested that we should have an article published on the first anniversary of the Scarboro. Marsh Bridge dedication on Nov. 17. Bob suggested that a reporter could interview people as they use the trail. The trail is extremely popular and the ETA has received many positive comments. Bob will contact the newspaper.

#### **6. ETA Visioning Exercise:**

\* A survey was completed by most of the trustees for Paul and the results will be discussed at the next meeting. The visioning exercise will be done in the fall when more trustees are present.

## **7. Lighthouse Ride Status:**

- \* Bob Bowker was not present but the brochure has been prepared and is ready to be printed and distributed.

## **8. Jupiter Blues Fundraising Social, July 30:**

- \* Pizza will be sold by the slice and will be provided by Ocean Pizza, which is near the hall.
- \* A polo shirt will be given to each band member, with the ETA logo, in appreciation for donating their time for this event.
- \* Raffle tickets will be sold at the event, both 50/50 and for prizes. Helen has ordered the tickets and has gotten several sponsors to donate prizes.
- \* Bob H. will contact the Police Dept. (as a courtesy) to notify them of the event.

## **9. Role in 2006 TREK ?**

- \* Bob L. agreed to contact Bob Verrill, Director of the TREK Across Maine, to inquire whether we could give a presentation on Friday or Saturday night during the TREK weekend, June 2006.

## **10. ETMD Update:**

- \* The ETMD agreed that we could pay our \$5000 bill in quarterly installments. This will help alleviate the immediate pressure for some of our financial obligations.
- \* Tom D. reported that the gravel trails along the new section of Scarboro. Marsh are hard to ride on using a road bike with thin tires and are prone to puncturing tires. Several bikers have also complained. Tom has asked the Town of Scarboro. to run a compactor over the trail. He also suggested using stone dust.
- \* Several people have complained about a lack of signs along the Scarboro. trails. Tom D. said that there are signs available for the Marsh section and that they are with Granite State. The ETMD will try to get the signs so we can post them along the trail.

## **11. Old Business:**

- \* No old business.

## **12. New Business:**

- \* Pam Peters has regretfully resigned as a trustee of the ETA. Pam has been a long time supporter and important trustee of the ETA for many years. She has been the ETA's equestrian representative and will be greatly missed.
- \* Bob L. will contact the Beach 2 Beacon race officials to see if the ETA can setup a table at the race registration on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4 and 5. He will notify other trustees via email and will set up times to man the table at the Cape Eliz. School.

**13. Adjournment:**

\* Meeting ended at 8:46 PM.

Submitted by: R.M. LaNigra—Secretary, Dated July 19, 2005

**Next meeting is scheduled for Aug 8, 2005 at the Saco Parks and Rec. Bldg. on Franklin St.**