



Proposed Agenda

Monday 14 November 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 10 Oct. Minutes – Bob LaNigra 5 Min
4. Approve Financial report – Bob Hamblen - 5 min
5. Review Draft 2006 Budget –
 - NEGEF grant results
 - ETMD 2nd half dues payment
6. 2006 8 Lighthouse Ride Feedback – Bob Bowker, John
7. Brainstorming the Jupiter Blues 2006 fundraising social.
 - Date: 15th April? 16th is Easter. Where?
 - Location?
8. ETMD update. 5 min
9. Where does ETA want to be in 5 years? Visioning - Paul 30 minutes
10. Old Business
 - Working session to define ETA's new Membership Committee. Paul
 - ET Maintenance and Operation Funding.
 - Brainstorming: How do we coordinate and support new volunteers?
11. New business. 5 min
 - Move that ETA intervene in the 2006 PUC rate hearings for Northern Utilities.
 - More sales outlets for the new trail guide.
12. Adjournment target: 8:30 P.M.

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**Eastern Trail Alliance
Meeting Minutes Oct. 10, 2005**

Attendees:

Trustees: John Andrews, Bob LaNigra, Paul Revier, Bob Bowker, Bob Hamblen and Bruce Wakefield

1. Welcome:

* John Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Designate, Timekeeper and Process Monitor :

* Bob L. was designated as timekeeper/process monitor.

3. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 12, 2005 Meeting:

* Previous minutes were approved by all trustees.

4. Treasurer's Report:

* Financial reports for July and Aug. 2005 were approved by all trustees.

5. 8 Lighthouse Ride Comments for 2006:

* Bob B. will look into various ways to decrease expenses and increase revenue for the ETA. Bob will contact the NE Bike Magazine and contact other bike organizations, outside Maine to try to increase participants for next year. More sponsors are also needed.

6. Move that ETA Endorse the 2006 State Transportation Bond:

* A motion was proposed, and approved by all present, that the ETA endorse the bond. Originally the bike/trail portion was for one million dollars and it has been reduced to \$400K. John will sign the bond petition and he suggested that we let others know about endorsing the bond as well on Nov. 8.

7. ETMD Update:

* The ETMD has indicated that they are opposed to allowing snowmobiles on the trails. The ETA has taken the position that they should be allowed, especially since they do not cause any damage to the trails. And, a benefit is that they provide tracks for cross country skiing. This will be discussed in more details at future ETMD meetings. The ETMD is in the process of developing a listing of rules and regulations for the trails. This listing will also define how to handle equestrian use on the trails. (If, in fact, horses are allowed on the trails.)

* Steve Huntress suggested a bike shop owner as an ETA trustee. John and the ETA trustees thought this was a good idea and will approach this person.

8. Where does the ETA want to be in 5 years?

- * Paul correlated all of our visioning comments that we submitted several months ago and we reviewed several sections. We all apparently made similar comments on most of the sections and agreed that every meeting we should review one or two sections to ensure that we all keep focused on the same objectives. We have not answered the question yet on where we want to be in 5 years!

9. Old Business:

- * **Motion-** “The ETA encourages landowners and other user groups to support non-commercial equestrian enjoyment of the Eastern Trail.” The motion was modified to remove “non-commercial” and was passed by all trustees.

10. New Business:

- * The brainstorming session on how we coordinate and support new volunteers was not discussed due to time constraints. This should be on the agenda for next month.

11. Adjournment:

- * Meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by: R.M. LaNigra—Secretary, Dated Oct. 15, 2005

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2005 at the Saco Parks and Rec. Bldg. on Franklin St.