**ETMD Board of Directors – Minutes**

**April 9, 2014**

**Attendance:**

Jim Bucar - ETA

Joe Yuhas - ETA

Carole Brush- ETA, Executive Director

Greg Tansley- Biddeford

Bill Reichl, VP - Scarborough

Tad Redway, President- Arundel

Rick LaFlamme – Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Vice President Reichl called meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

1. **Minutes of March 12, 2014** (attached) – moved to accept by BR, 2nd by JB, and so voted, 5-0.
2. **Financial Reports** – Finances are running good with nothing outstanding. Moved to accept the finance report made by JY, 2nd by JB, and so voted 5-0.
3. **ETMD Priorities** 
   * Management Policies & Procedures
     1. Rick LaFlamme from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife came to speak about trail monitoring throughout the year. Trial monitoring would be increased if the bollards could be left down, however once he starts patrols and the public sees snowmobile tracks, and then the public will think snowmobile access would be allowed. The same would apply with ATV’s. However, the wardens or other municipalities would be able to patrol the trail with easier access and allow for emergency personnel to respond more readily if the bollards could be reconfigured for snowmobiles and ATV’s to pass trail crossing with ease. Additionally snowmobile clubs have state allocated funds that could be used for trail repair, maintenance, and winter grooming. The only down side is that the Warden’s Service would not be allowed to enforce any local or private ordinances.
     2. ETMD will reach out to non-dues paying communities and ask them if they want to send a representative to each of the ETMD meetings to have a heard voice. BR brought up that continued reaching out seems to be going nowhere and our efforts would be better served to focus on completing all the sections of trail within the current and continual dues paying members. GT mentioned it would be better to keep moving forward without a fluctuating membership cost.

The Unitil Co-Location Agreement is moving forward with minor changes between both sides. Trying to get Unitil to except the use of verbal notification for maintenance. The local municipalities will assist Unitil with trail closers by supplying fire/rescue/police presence to keep trail users away from the maintenance.

* + 1. Annual Report has been filed and sent out. Dues have been received from OOB, Saco, ETA, Biddeford & Scarborough. Dues voted down by N Berwick. Have not heard from other past ETMD members.

1. **Ongoing / Proposed Projects**:
   * Scarborough – 019386.00
     1. The State is supporting Scarborough and South Portland’s request to PAC’s for funding of the trail around the pond to Pleasant Hill Road. At the same time Scarborough is looking at the option of putting a sidewalk in that will connect Pond View to the ET access on Pleasant Hill. Still waiting to hear back from PAC’s on the application.
2. **Trail Maintenance & Management**

* Scarborough will have a trail closure in May for a box culvert installation, and Unitil will be closing a section in Biddeford. Scarborough will start some general cleaning and maintenance next week. All trails are wet and need to dry out.
* Benches -- still waiting for location approval from municipalities.
* Eleven events are already scheduled for the year, 5 of those events are paying for use of the trail. The first event is the 1st week of May and it seems that returning events are much smoother this year than last. There is an estimated $1,150 in revenue from the projected events.

SETA is going to offer more, but shorter trail rides. They are getting more requests to attend events. The next moonlight walk will be next Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

1. **Other Business** – None.
2. **Next Meeting** – May 7, 2014.
3. **Adjourn –** JC moves to adjourn, 2nd by TR, at 10:30am.