

Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: May 23, 2018

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, and Anne Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Dick Haller. The minutes of the meeting held April 25th were approved as read.

Chris presented the treasurer's report which is attached.

Old Business

There has been no progress on the request to link Quinebaug Woods to the proposed Fuller Dam trail.

Sturbridge is interesting in participating in a meeting with Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife regarding the possibility of a marked route to connect with the Leadmine.

The workday held May 5th had six participants. Clean-up was completed on all Holland portions of the trail. Other tasks included weed control, pruning, and leaf blowing.

Another workday will be needed to maintain the Center Trail. Chris will check to see if coordination is possible with a planned workday there.

The portable toilet is in place and the police have been notified. There has been a problem with trash in the unit. Anne will post a sign indicating to users that the toilet will be removed, if the problem continues.

Kayak/Canoe the Quinebaug is Saturday, 9AM to 12PM. Dick will lead. Chris will drive.

New Business

The Holland Trail Ride is Saturday, June 9th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Dick and Chris will lead. It would be wise to include a phone number in promotional materials.

The TourOpacum bike ride will be Sunday, July 18th. This is an event we should certainly support.

The Senior Health & Wellness Fair will be Tuesday, September 18th from 10 AM to 3 PM. The Committee decided to participate. Dick will let Deb know that we want a table.

Our Walktober events have been posted.

The Stop Abuse Today 5K has been scheduled for October 6th at 9 AM. This does not conflict with any of our scheduled activities.

In order for grants to be written, a new appraisal of the Sichol property must be completed. The cost will be \$2,000. Chris will talk to Ernie Fancy to see if Trail's funds could be used for this purpose.

It was voted unanimously to spend up to \$100 for tools to facilitate litter removal. Purchase of 2 reacher grabbers, a fishing gaff, and a grappling hook is planned.

We may wish to purchase signs to promote events. Anne will investigate the possibilities including a reusable sandwich board.

Although the committee is unable to do fund-raising, Opacum or the Brimfield Trail Association might be willing to sponsor such an activity. Possibilities could include a poker run on the trails or a bike-run-swim.

upcoming dates:

Sat., May 26th Paddle the Quinebaug 10 AM, Pond Bridge Road trailhead\

Sat. Jun. 9th Trail Ride 10 AM, Pond Bridge Road trailhead

Sun., Jun. 10th HRA Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM-12 PM

Wed., Jun. 27th our next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

Richard Haller
Chairman / Secretary