

Merrymeeting Trail Committee
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Meeting Notes

The meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Attending:

Nichole Briand, Bowdoinham; Ruth Indrick, KELT; Carrie Kinne, KELT; Tom Reeves, Gardiner; Colleen Fuller, Access Health; Victor Langelo, Topsham;



Merrymeeting Trail:

Purpose of this group

- Support development of the trail

Name

- Merrymeeting Trail Initiative
 - Set up so that MMT is 1st, not 'friends' in name 1st
 - KELT can be fiscal agent, serve as the 501c.3 for the organization, people can donate to MMT through KELT
 - an example of how this works is Bath Trails
 - part of community conservation

Contact list

- Because we are hoping to improve communication, we reviewed the email list that the minutes are typically sent to and split it into:
 - meeting list: these are the people most active in MMT, who regularly attend meetings or who are actively engaged in planning or bike advocacy in ME - they will get the monthly meeting notes and meeting invitations
 - outreach list: this includes people who are interested in the trail or who we want to tell about the trail... but don't need to wade through monthly meeting notes - they will get outreach newsletters/emails that we send out through mailchimp
 - meeting notes will continue to be posted on our website in case people are interested in seeing them
- potential new groups to add to the meeting list: ME DOT Bike/Ped Coordinator, MMT Board of Supervisors
- potential new groups to add to the outreach list: KRRT Board of Supervisors, KRRT Friends board, Gardiner City Manager, Midcoast Hospital, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, more Merrymeeting Wheelers, Bowdoin College, LL Bean, UMA - Augusta, bike businesses, BIW, etc....

New MMT Committee: Communications!

- Ruth Indrick, Jeremy Cluchey, Colleen Fuller, Victor Langelo
- will work on video

Updates:

Board of Supervisors

- Bylaws have been approved by the Board of Supervisors
- in March, Andy Hendrickson will present to them about KRRT
- in April or May, they are hoping Burnham Martin (NPS) will present

KRRT

- put up tobacco free signs along the trail with help from Healthy Maine Communities
- thinking of hiring someone for general maintenance

GTТА

- trail construction is set to start this summer
- \$50,000 private match raised
- can be an MMT success story!
- would connect to end of MMT

Bike Rides

The new ride this year will be called *Explore Merrymeeting Bay*

- instead of being one ride of one distance, it will offer multiple distances for multiple skill levels
 - a few led rides
 - a few maps for options for rides
- on July 17th, Open Farm Day (in Bowdoinham and Richmond)
- could visit farms, historic sites
- part of the summer trail challenge (a square on the card)
- possibilities
 - we could provide refreshments at farms
 - would need a few leaders for the different rides
 - is a local food BBQ at the Bowdoinham waterfront from 3-6pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by R.I.

