

**Bayfield Area Trails Committee Meeting Notes
Tuesday December 14th @ 3 – 4:45 pm**

Participants:

- Committee members present: Bratsch, Kitchell
- Committee members absent: Fahrenkrog, Finn, Lang, Vanbergen, Van Stappen
- Communications Subcommittee Present: Fentress, Jeannette
- Trails Subcommittee Present: Ipsen, G. Johnson, Wegerson
- Partners: Rothe (CTC)

Virtual Community Meeting Agenda: see revised draft agenda (15 min.)

- **Date Selected:** Saturday Jan. 22 @ 9 a.m. – 10:30.
- Discussion/feedback on presentation on 2022 Priorities:
 - Highlight Cornucopia & Town of Bell joining & broadening the scope of BATs
 - Include maps and photos
 - Way too much information – it is overwhelming.
 - Simplify & focus on what the broader community would be interested in: **Trail projects**
- **Actions:**
 - Kitchell will post Chamber blasts to Save the Date & subsequent notifications with link to website for agenda & registration (if applicable)
 - Kitchell will revise agenda & survey (2 versions: internal (long) & public (short))
 - Trails Subcommittee will prepare a couple of slides about the Trails Subcommittee; then provide it to Jeannette for the meeting presentation
 - Coordinate with Communications Subcommittee
 - Jeannette will produce short video of 2022 accomplishments
 - Kitchell will initiate prep. of power point about the 2022 priorities; then will coordinate with Jeannette to add maps & photos
 - Coordinate online survey in conjunction with meeting
 - Prepare session on Comm. Subcommittee
 - Discuss public roll out and posting of 2022 priorities on website & Facebook
- **Decision:** plan on Trails Day, Fun Run, and face-to-face forum in fall; aim for October.
 - Purpose: to initiate longer-term, more comprehensive plan.

2022 Draft Priorities (revised) (20 min.)

References:

- Condensed Work Plan Table (with Calendar)
- Long version with assignments, timelines & funding sources (for internal planning only)
- Community Meeting 2022 Priorities Presentation – focused on trail projects

Discussion outcomes:

- Proposed priorities accepted by Committee, assuming adjustments will be made through the season
- Focus/simplify public presentation of priorities
 - Maybe restructure how info. is presented?
 - Temporal: Now...and in the Future. Real vs. “Dream Stage”
 - Add a section on “Ongoing Collaborations?”

Fiscal sponsorship (10 min.)

- RFR Board endorses the proposal, pending review by nonprofit legal expert (propose Landmark) as well as endorsement from BATs Committee members.
- **Action:** Kitchell will send out the DRAFT Fiscal Sponsorship agreement along with the MOU for review in conjunction with the Jan. meeting

Subcommittee Reports (10 min.)

- Communications: Jeannette, Fentress
 - Big Ravine trails info. updated on website
 - Posted FB on vandalized sign at base of Hemlock Heights
 - Website and FB still popular, although activity level has declined due to season.
- Trails: Wegerson, Ipsen, G. Johnson
 - Charter approved.
 - G. Johnson & Kitchell working on fundraising strategy focused on 2 priorities: 1) Wetlands acquisition; 2) Pike's Creek connection trail
 - Detailed review and planning of 2022 field projects will be discussed at the Subcommittee's February meeting after the Community meeting.

Round Robin Reports from Committee members and partners (15 min.)

1. Town (Fahrenkrog): (Include Pike's Creek connection trail report from Kitchell)
 - a. Good progress on Pike's Creek Hatchery Trail:
 - i. a better route to the south has been identified. Better bridge location, less steep grade, connects closer to the majority of AWB trails.
 - ii. Kitchell working with team to develop report/plan. Will share with BAT Comm.
 - iii. Working on obtaining permission from DNR
 - iv. Town of Bayfield Plan Comm. to be briefed Jan. 4, followed by Town Board presentation to seek resolution of support.
2. Red Cliff (VanBergen): discussions about connection between Red Cliff and Bayfield have been restarted. On 12/16/21, Vanbergen & Kitchell learned that the TAP program requires a full proposal that would include design AND construction. This is not feasible within the Jan. 28, 2022 deadline as all ducks are not in a row. Next round of grant applications would be in Jan. 2024.
3. NPS (Van Stappen): none
4. Landmark (Lang):
 - a. update on Wetlands acquisition in Town of Bayfield: waiting to hear about 3 grant applications
5. Bell/Cornucopia Trails Club: (Rothe): chipping away at planning & coordination with County. County expected to sign Use Agreement very soon. Town Board plans to sign BAT Comm. MOU
6. County (Bratsch): nothing new to report
7. City (Kitchell): nothing new
8. Ashwabay (AOEF) (Finn): none

January Meeting: January 11th @ 3 p.m.

1. Finalize Community Meeting plans
2. Financial management & Fiscal Sponsorship: **ACTION:** Kitchell will send out materials in advance for review.
3. MOU Review: **ACTION:** Kitchell will send out in advance for review/comment, along with notes on potential changes or addendum (may not need to change the MOU):
 - a. Add Town of Bell
 - b. Add standing subcommittees (addendum)
 - c. Clarify decision-making protocol &
 - d. Clarify role of Chair (including Fiscal Sponsorship liaison)
 - e. Include fiscal sponsorship?
 - f. Revise diagram (addendum)
 - g. Discuss next steps
4. Private Land Trail Crossings: Status of Finn easement on East Rim (Finn): still pending. Do a blog post, when signed.