



Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 29, 2007 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Frankfort Convention and Civic Center

Members Present: Kristen Branscum (Chair), Katie Shanks (proxy for Judy Piazza), Mark Cramer, Jerry Hancock, Preston McLain, Ron Cardwell, Sandy Runyon, Alvin Cox, and Lt. Mark Merriman (proxy for Major Vanhook)

Members Absent: Malcolm Winsper, Tim Hazlette, and Mike Caudill
Guests:

Staff Present: Laurie Gutermuth

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Kristen Branscum, Chair.

II. Roll Call

- a. Ten members were present, which meets the seven needed for quorum.
- b. Katie Shanks was in attendance to represent Judy Piazza from KYTC.
- c. Mark Merriman was in attendance to represent Major M.
- d. Jack Couch was in attendance to represent Sandy Runyon.

III. Approval of 3/29/2007 Meeting Minutes

There were no comments or edits on the March 29th meeting minutes. A motion for approval was made by Kristen Branscum and a second by Alvin Cox. The minutes were passed with unanimous approval, no nays or abstentions.

IV. Adoption of 3/29/2007 Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. A motion to adopt the agenda as is was made by Kristen Branscum and a second by Ron Cardwell. The agenda was passed with unanimous approval, no nays or abstentions.

V. Welcome and Introductions

All KRTA members and staff in attendance introduced themselves.

VI. Agenda Item: Planning Session

Group went over the Strategic Planning Document and versions of the KRTA mission statement.

Key Points:

- There was some discussion on some of the language in the document. Mark Cramer suggested a change from using "objective, strategy, and tactic", to using "goal, objective, and strategy." The group agreed on changing the document language.
- Alvin Cox asked about Objective 3 in the document and wanted to make sure that was "universal".
- Ron Cardwell asked if the group thought that the document covered all of their objectives, and were all objectives mentioned in the document really achievable. He also wanted to add a 2.3 to Objective 2, to say that the KRTA would serve as a resource for finding opportunities for trail use education.
- Mark Cramer suggested that a 1.1.4 be added to Objective 1, that would say the KRTA could help secure funding for Kentucky recreational trail areas. Also, that the group could be a reference to provide information on existing entities for funding.
- Mark Cramer also asked the group if they thought they needed more quantitative data in the document to show progress. There was a discussion on what to measure and how to measure in reference to trails and usage. The group agreed to add this data after implementing their plan and achieving the current objectives.

- The group wants to also use the quantitative data to give a time table to legislators, and hopefully get some legislation passed before KRTA goes away. Ron Cardwell mentioned using a six sigma approach to achieving goals and then getting to a place where the group is managing all that they have achieved.
- Alvin Cox proposed to get legislation in order ASAP, and have a meeting with legislators. Group planned a meeting in Louisville county judge executives in July.

Action: Kristen Branscum will make changes to the Strategic Planning document agreed upon by the group, and reissue a copy of the document to all members after completion.

VII. Agenda Item: Advocacy Document

Key Points:

- The group went over the power point document, "Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority".
- They group like the document, but wanted to add pictures and visuals. They agreed to make a video to show landowners, etc., that would make a bigger impact than letters or written data. (Will possible use Knott county video)
- Suggestion was made to meet with county judge executives in Louisville for the next meeting July 11-13, and include this video presentation if possible.
- The board wanted to check into at least having a brochure to present to the county judges.
- The group will also compile a list of FAQ's to present in Louisville as well.

Action: Kristen Branscum will check to see if the brochures can be printed and paid for by Tourism by the July county judges meeting. Branscum will also begin checking on the video production element.

VIII. Agenda Item: 2008 Legislation Agenda

Key Points:

- Group went over proposal for KRTA in the 2008 session and the possibility that OHV titling will be brought up again. There was a discussion on having a permit system in Kentucky. Should we have a permit system and who would enforce it?
- Other points of legislation were taken from previous legislation documents.

Action:

Group will keep up with status of 2008 legislation that is not directly sponsored by KRTA. Kristen Branscum will continue to work with appropriate parties to draft the KRTA legislation and sponsorship. The KRTA will use the July county judges meeting to start grassroot support of their goals.

IX. Agenda Item: KRTA support letter for trail-related projects

Group reviewed a generic draft letter that the KRTA could use to support trail related projects. It was agreed the KRTA was still in a planning stage, and not in a position to support such projects at this time. The KRTA would not be able to keep track of all of these projects to ensure that they have supported a project that is keeping with best management practices. The group also agreed it was a well drafted letter for possibly supporting future projects.

IX. Agenda Item: New Business

Mark Cramer discussed that Fish and Wildlife had just completed a lengthy strategic planning process of its own. Some of the agency's discussion was about recreational usage on their lands. It is to be noted that these discussions are in their infancy.

X. Set speakers, agenda items & time for next meeting

If the KRTA can be put on the county judges' meeting agenda, the next KRTA meeting will be held on Tuesday July 11th in Louisville, KY. All official logistics are TBD.

County judge executives will meet at the Galt House in Louisville July 11-13th.

XIII. Adjournment

Kristen Branscum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by several members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.