

Squamish Trails Society ~ May 20, 2010
Minutes
Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Matt Parker, Doug Morrison, Stephane Perron, Vic Drought, Lesley Keith, Patrick Macnamara, Patsy Riecker.

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Trail Day Yesterday

- Ray Peters trail connector was the project, in coordination with the Don Ross outdoor leadership students. It was a successful day.
- Vic, Patrick, Don, Carl were there and working hard!
- We could pay them \$9 per hour per student – total would be \$1053.00.

Pearson Financial Sponsored Trail Brushing

- We would spend \$1000 donation from this local business on a trail-brushing crew. The funds would be spent on equipment etc, and possibly on identity-wear like shirts.
- Many interested members – Don would be the foreman, also Vic, Don, Matt, Doug, Patsy, etc. Others interested in being alternates including Heather, Lesley, Mike Jensen, possibly others too. It would be through Todd, there would be an orientation etc. Set a day of week.
- Could put up signs that say work in progress.
- Don and Bob to send out a follow up email to those interested, re scheduling, training etc.
- Bob to send an email to Todd re orientation etc. Possibly get feedback from John about trail maintenance.
- Tools can include machete, loppers, weed-wacker, gloves, etc in certain areas. STS stuff is in with Shawn Gosnell's storage locker. Or else we find another spot for it. TBD.
- Can get this going in the next month or so.

Web site project – Heather

- Heather and Bob met with Jude Goodwin re STS website.
- The quotation is for \$2000 plus GST, 50% up front. Agreement to move ahead.
- We could mostly do the updates ourselves, and then outsource
- We could have a page for the Smoke Bluffs Park? Helen is producing a map and we could put it on there for PDF. Keith Halvorson finished upper loop trail.

Test of Metal Food Booth

- We have applied to health department and permit is in process.
- Heather can help with the ticket booth. Carl can help with food part.
- We may need to pay someone to head the ship as a chef/leader
- Menu will be farmers sausage (veggie burger vegetarian option), fried options etc., potato salad, green salad, chocolate, drink. Also this year we'll add chips.
- Grimms donates some smokies and European wieners, and we buy farmers sausage from them. Bob suggests a red potato salad by Freybe.
- Nesters has been really helpful. Getting some pop etc. donated etc.

- Matt can get tables, Carl can get a condiment canopy. Need a couple of trucks (Matt's, maybe Doug's)

"Share The Road" project

- Share the Road campaign was initiated by Jim Harvey. \$300 per sign incl install. STS has agreed to one sign.
- DoS has agreed to install the signs at their cost so it's \$200 per sign.
- Jim Harvey and Dwayne Kress have come up with proposed locations.
- Some suggestions for additional signage near the eagle dyke, and then on the curve just south of Bean Around the World.
- DoS needs to spearhead a public awareness campaign around this – in newsletters, newspapers, etc.

Dirt bike issue

- Matt sent email to a number of organizations about dirt bikes on the Ray Peters Trail.
- Need some signage on the trail re no dirt bikes on the trail
- Jurisdictional question – perhaps the line of inquiry is Norbert Greinacher MACTA re signage on Ray Peters Trail.
- DoS needs to take a leadership role.
- We do need trails and tracks where the dirt bikes are allowed to traverse to permitted areas.
- We need more signs that indicate no dirt bikes.

Oceanfront Trail - meeting with SODC

- Vic, Todd and Bob met with Trevor Dunn SODC
- SODC will put \$5000 into a trail project, leveraged through the trails society. West side has been identified, across from Squamish Terminals.
- Next step is for Todd to measure the length so that we can figure out quantity of material. Bobcat, rake, finish will be the process.
- another issue: dog poop in bags are not disposed of in bins, some education and enforcement is needed.