



South Coast Bikeway Alliance

Steering Committee Meeting February 28, 2018

James Arnold Mansion, New Bedford, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members: Paul Pawlowski, Jeff Oakes, Sandy Medeiros, Gail Hartnett Rodrigues, Keith MacDonald, Bob Espindola

Secretary's Report:

There were no minutes from last month's meeting as there were only 4 participants.

Treasury Actions:

Bob reported a balance of \$3,156.00. The DNRT was paid \$150, the consultant was paid \$1,000, and \$258 was paid for insurance as expenses related to the map and compass workshop put on with the DCR Trails grant.

New Business:

1. MassBike 351: MassBike has a goal of obtaining representation from all 351 Massachusetts communities. Sandy offered to work with Galen of MassBike to determine if the SCBA can apply for an organizational membership.
2. MassBike Chapter: Bonne was attending the Cape Cod & Islands/South Coast Region group meeting in Dennis this evening. The ways in which the SCBA could participate in the Cape Cod & Islands/South Coast Region were discussed and included sharing of event calendars, communications, participation in the SCBA Summit, etc.
3. SCBA Summit: Dawn will be asked to confirm rental of the Fort Taber Community Center for April 25th. Keith will confirm the availability of the speakers.
4. The May Bike Month: SCBA participation was discussed. Sandy offered to speak with Geoff Sullivan to coordinate a ride on May 11 similar to what was done in previous years. Jacqui Jones of SRPEDD will be asked to coordinate the registration again. Bob questioned the need for event insurance and will look into it.
5. United Way Grant: Sandy is pursuing ideas such as the purchase of adult tricycles for use by residents of the senior center adjacent to the Phoenix Trail. The incorporation of intergenerational volunteers to assist the seniors is in keeping with United Way goals for the grant. Perhaps the bike share company that is ultimately selected for Fairhaven can provide the tricycles. The purchase of bicycle racks with grant funds was also considered.
6. Greenway Feasibility Study: The New Bedford CPA approved the SCBA grant application for the Greenway Feasibility Study. Approval is still required from the New Bedford City Council. The Towns of Westport and Dartmouth have each approved the \$10,000 grant applications. Approval of the DCR Mass Trails application for a \$50,000 grant is pending. SRPEDD can provide study services. The SCBA is also looking for representation from Seekonk, Swansea and Fall River. Sandy offered to make a request for volunteers in the local newspapers and perhaps through networking at the Summit.
7. Additional Grant Activity: Westport is pursuing a Complete Streets program and Gail is looking for a contact for a kids cycling program through the Wellness Programs. The Fairhaven Safe Routes to School program is expected to be pursued by the new Town Planner. Fairhaven is pursuing a \$600,000 construction grant and \$8,000 bicycle safety training grant. Dartmouth's grant application for purchase of land adjacent to the Greenway was not successful, but the purchase of additional parcels along the Greenway will be pursued. It was noted that Fall River was pursuing trail projects outside of the South Coast Bikeway.
8. Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) rides: John Sullivan will coordinate the SCBA and AMC rides which we can publicize on the SCBA website.

The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at 6 pm at the James Arnold Mansion.

Respectfully submitted



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