

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
ATC 1st Quarter meeting
1-10-09

Meeting called to order 10:15

Members present:

Sarah Jones – ATC Chair	Larry Ross
Loretta Melancon – ATC Vice Chair	Lenny Melancon
Jim Gifford	Bo Lea
Kris McMillan	Billy McMillan
Tim Oosterhous	Bert Turner
John Carroll	Randy Joslin
Glenn Wortham	Terry Eastin
Coreen Frasier	Bill Bastress
John Beneke – ATC Executive Secretary	

Corrections to last month's minutes:

- Correct misspellings of members in minutes of 2008 4th quarter meeting
- Correct misspelling of Reece Creek
- Delete entry regarding Kristina Root overseeing a portion of the OT

Terry Eastin provided the ATC members an overview of the proposed trail funding legislation that she's been working on with State Representative Robert Moore.

- Need is demonstrated due to only 47% of all RTP applications submitted last year were funded and only 29% of the total funding requested was granted.
- Discussions between Representative Moore and AGFC to use a portion of the proceeds from the natural gas leases on WMAs.
- Funded projects are to have a "Watchable Wildlife" theme.
- Suggested funding for next biennium is 1 million per year (2 million total).
- ADPT is recommended to manage applications.
- Advisory committee will be formed to select projects for funding.

Coreen Frasier informed that Arkansas Bicycle Club was organizing a ride across Arkansas to begin the Monday after Easter.

Terry Eastin noted that Arkansas will be receiving 10% of the net profit from the National Trails Symposium anticipated to be around \$10,000.00. Use of that money might include:

- Lobbying for trails
- Funding for Arkansas Trails Day
- NTS appreciation day
- Seed money for non-profit trails advocacy organization

Terry stated that she and Robert Moore were working together to secure \$10 million to pave approximately 100 miles of trail atop levee from Arkansas City to Louisiana border.

Bert Turner announced that IMBA has offered to conduct a workshop at Burns Park but will need a sponsor. The ATC voted unanimously to serve as the sponsor for that event. Bert stated that he will draft a letter to IMBA for Sarah Jones to sign.

The ATC voted unanimously to have 3 of the 4 quarterly meetings on a Tuesday (rather than a Saturday).

Several Committees were formed and Chairs established:

- Larry Ross will serve as Chair for the Arkansas Trails Day Committee.
- Loretta Melancon will serve as Chair for committee to establish contact information lists for ATC members and non-members who should be contacted for ATC matters.
- John Carroll will serve as Chair for the Website Committee.

Membership should e-mail Committee Chairs input on an on-going basis. Committee Chairs will distribute information to the ATC membership and give committee reports at ATC quarterly meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30