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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014**

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. ROLL CALL – Don Britton, Chocolay; Jeremy Pickens, Marquette; Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Gary Johnson, Republic Township; Dotty Lajoie, Marquette County
Guest: Jackie Koski
Staff: Carol Fulsher
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) - No public comments
 - A. CONSENT AGENDA – **Hoffman motioned to approve consent agenda which included April 23 minutes, April financials and May bills to be paid; Reynolds seconded motion. Vote and motion approved unanimously.**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Britton motioned to approve agenda as presented. Reynolds seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Phase IV – Tilden/Republic -
 - i. Plan for development update – Plan provided by our engineer and included in the packet. Consists of clearing, grading, surfacing, accessible boardwalk, trail signage, and crossing improvements. Timeline is June 24 – November 14, 2014.
 - ii. Director’s order updated resolution – Fulsher noted that we have a resolution to approve. The Director’s Order restricting access along Greenwood Grade from Ishpeming to Co. Rd. 601. Restrictions of vehicles larger than 65” and no hunting from grade. **Bussone motioned to sign the resolution as presented; Hoffman seconded motion. Discussion on full size vehicles and ways to get permits from DNR. Roll call taken with nine ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.**
 - B. ATV Trail Plans
 1. Routes through Ishpeming - `A small contingent reviewed plans again for ATV route through Ishpeming. Discussed Pine Street route and felt there were too many residences and too narrow in areas along Pine Street.
Looked at route that parallels the current IOHT from Winthrop through Ishpeming. Worked with Moyle who owns property near Winthrop Junction. He has plans for more housing and wanted trail to stay away from buildings with tree planting. Would entail high construction costs to go through the wet areas between his home buildings and railroad grade.
Discussed third option of meeting with Cliffs and allowing one route through Ishpeming with access from Howard Oil. This route would go around Lake Angeline. Need to meet with Cliffs land manager and review that route.
 - C. Events Policy – **Britton motioned to approve events policy as provided in packet. Johnson (Glenn), seconded motion. Discussion on numbering pages. Britton amended motion to add numbers to pages. Johnson seconded amended motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 1. Iron Range Roll trail review – Fulsher has been working with Iron Range roll and will have event permit and safety plan prior to event on June 7.
 - D. Adopt a Mile Policy - The Rotary Club of Marquette is interested in adopting a two-mile section of trail. We need a policy for them and others. Discussion on needs of policy, what we want

organizations to do and safety policies and volunteer waivers. Policy tabled to June meeting since not all packets had correct information.

- E. Governor's Trail Review/MSU Intern – August 26 – 28. Fulsher met with Jim Radabaugh on May 8 to review possible routes for Governor's Trail through U.P. Provided options other than U.S. 2 but there are no other long distance trails except for Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Since that time, she has heard from Jim and it looks like the routes will be split with hikers using North Country Trail routing through northern U.P. and bike route using U.S. 2 which is slated to become a U.S. bicycle route. However, after talking to Radabaugh about marketing initiatives, he followed up to announce that Marquette County will have a dedicated intern through MSU who will work on a marketing plan for all trails within Marquette County. A team will be coming up on August 26 – 28 for on-site tour of trails and discussions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Budget Amendment –Tabled until June due to meeting packets being put together incorrectly.

B. Maintenance – Fulsher talked about current maintenance plans. Maintenance taken care of through volunteers—mostly Thomas, Britton, and Reynolds. Wants to nail down a plan for future maintenance and spot problems such as fallen branches, etc. Pickens suggested talking to Nikki Dewald at NTN. Felt they had a plan for these items. Thomas noted some items that need to be done including fill at Bunker Mine Shaft, cleaning spur trail to MIIM, fix stop sign at Winthrop Junction, and fix trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee with herbicide and tar patching.

- VI. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Fulsher noted that directional signage is on order; interpretive group working hard on panels for kiosks. Noted that she and Thomas working on Cliffs Monument to be placed at Negaunee park. Thomas found piece of ore rock that can be used with plaque adhered to showcase Cliffs Foundation \$200K. Audit will start on May 27 by Anderson, Tackman. Lastly, Western Marquette County Health Foundation is accepting application for health grants ranging from \$1K to \$10K. Asked for suggestions.

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- VII. BOARD COMMENT – Britton noted that logging operation is done in Negaunee Twp; Britton swept all paved areas of trail using donated equipment from Michigan sales. Hoffman reported on Aspen Ridge Family night. Busy night. Jim Thomas – work bee next week scheduled to do a look through on trail from Winthrop Junction to Marquette to ready trail for bike race. Thomas noted the hard work that Hoffman and Reynolds due at Family Night.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Koski noted that we could talk to Sheriff's Department or Salvation Army for community service needs.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT - Britton motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:20 pm; Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 4:30 PM, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES