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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2014**

DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Attendance :Don Britton, Chocolay; Kathy Peters, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee, Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Gary Johnson, Republic; Dotty Lajoie, Marquette County

Excused Absence: Jeremy Pickens, Marquette; Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming

Staff: Carol Fulsher

Guests: Jackie Koski, Humboldt; David Nyberg, Iron Range Roll; Lyn Durant, Marquette Township; Ron Yesney, DNR

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) - No public comment

III. IRON RANGE ROLL PRESENTATION – David Nyberg from 40 Below presented on the new event Iron Range Roll taking place on the Heritage Trail on June 7, National Trails Day. Provided update on plans for event including bike, run, and relay beginning and end points, relay points. Profits to go to Rise and Shine Program of YMCA. Discussed plans for road crossings. Opportunity to highlight the community trail and raise money for a good cause.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA – **Hoffman motion to approve consent agenda items as presented; Peters seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

- a. Board meeting minutes of March 26, 2014
- b. Financial documents of March
- c. Pay bills totaling \$84,748

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Britton motioned to approve agenda as presented; Reynolds seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers – **Lajoie motioned to approve slate of officers as presented (Thomas – Chair; Britton – Vice Chair/Secretary; Glenn Johnson – Treasurer); Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

B. By law Amendment – Executive Committee – **Lajoie motioned to approve the bylaw change as presented. Peters seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**
Hoffman nominated to appoint Reynolds as the at-large member on the executive committee. Peters seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.

C. Phase IV – Tilden/Republic

- i. Plan for development update – We have a meeting scheduled with engineer on project at noon on Tuesday April 29, MCCVB office. G. Johnson noted that surveyor was out in Republic yesterday.
- ii. Director's order update Still looking for person to write a letter from wildlife agency. Discussed Ruffed Grouse Society of Whitetails organization. Yesney will follow up with Durant to get the Ruffed Grouse contact. Britton noted that maybe George Lindquist from Whitetails may be the person. Fulsher or Yesney will follow up.

D. ATV Trail Plans

1. Routes through Ishpeming –ORV map shows two different route options. One parallels IOHRA and the other splits off at Winthrop Junction and head into Ishpeming on Pine Street. The option that parallels IOHRA may need more land from Moyle; also need to check the width

at Exelsior Street and check the width of lease from CCI behind Ruusi Vivian. Discussed looking at options this month. Fulsher to send memo out to board to set up time for on the ground route review.

- E. Events Policy – **Britton moved to adopt trail use permit as presented; G. Johnson (Gary) seconded. Discussed having a safety plan from organization be required as well. The DNR has that requirement. Britton amended motion to add safety plan as a requirement . G. Johnson seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Trailhead Proposals -
 - i. Chocoday Township – Sent in Trust Fund application for trailhead at Lions Field. Extension of parking, spur trail, restroom.
 - ii. Marquette Township – Sent in Trust Fund application for spur trail into parking area at Schwemwood Park.
 - iii. Republic Township – Sent in Trust Fund application for updates to Republic Bank building.
 - iv. Negaunee – Will send in application in 2015.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Directional Signage Proposals – Fulsher went through the process of getting bids on directional signage. UP Fab versus Signs Now. UP Fab has two bids: one with double jacking on each sleeve or just one double jacking on top of post. Signs Now bid aluminum. U.P. Fab bid steel. **Lajoie motioned to accept U.P. Fab bid with the double jacking on post. Reynolds seconded motion.** Discussion on benefits of each and specifically on type of material used. Want to keep the iron/steel material as much as possible to keep with theme of iron ore trail. **Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Audit – Anderson, Tackman will take on the audit for the three years that we need. They will call in May. **Hoffman motioned to hire Anderson, Tackman to provide audits for three years needed; Peters seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Adopt a Mile Policy – Fulsher drafted an adopt-a-mile policy due to Marquette Rotary wanting to adopt a mile. Discussion on how to recognize and what to include. Fulsher will revise and bring back to board in May.
- D. DNR Permit – Logging was done near 492/35 intersection. Executive Board approved a crossing on the trail by 35/492. Needed to be done by May 1 and had to make sure the trail was put back in same shape.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Fulsher reported on some presentations and expos she attended. Wheel and Sprocket Bike Show in Milwaukee which was highly attended. CVB picked up most expenses of travel and show; presented at Rotary club of Marquette meeting where we received a \$2100 check; Michigan Environmental Council, and Leadership Academy. Also asked to attend a Bike Rodeo in Ishpeming.

IX. BOARD COMMENT -

Britton noted that Smith Paving is redoing the bike path in Chocoday from Auto Center to M28-/US 41 intersection. MDOT/Chocoday partnered on project.
Michigan Sales will provide a broom from Ishpeming to Chocoday.
Dawn Hoffman – May 21 Aspen Ridge School Family night. Need pine cones.
Peters – impressed with Iron Range Roll presentation.
Reynolds – commented on the heavy agenda we got through. Thanks for vote for executive board.
Johnson (Gary) – Republic did receive grant for new campground. Thinking of renaming Heritage Trail Recreation Area and Campground, Republic. Also trying to get access into Republic Wetlands and finding a route.
Republic Mine tentatively may reopen and the LS&I track may be reactivated.
Thomas – Will be moving rail that was donated by LS&I next week to U.P. Fab so that we have a quantity for all of our needs.
Thomas attended a NMPA workshop on Placemaking-- bringing historical and recreational resources together to make a place that people want to work, play and live. IOHRA brought up many times as an example.

Ad Hoc Recreation Authority Meeting – Also attended a public hearing on April 21. We had written a letter to the group letting them know that we were committed to our project of building the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and providing for the additional amenities.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yesney –Discussed need to work with him when installing signage.
Will provide examples of safety plans.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by 6:12 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 4:30 PM, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES