

## Richmond Trails Committee Meeting 4-18-16

**Present:** Steve Bower, Ian Stokes, Veronique Beittel, John Hammerslough, Tyler Merritt, Martha Marciel, Callie Ewald and Jean Bressor

**Not Present:** Jim Monahan

**-Minutes approved** – minutes approved from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

**-Trail Work** – the first half of the meeting was trail work on the Rivershore Trail in the Volunteers Green. The trail had collapsed in places due to erosion along the river. Committee members successfully re-routed the trail away from the collapse.

### **-Upcoming events**

**MMU work day – May 20<sup>th</sup>** – We will have a group of high-schoolers bring gravel down to the Rivershore Trail, near the ledge, where the trail is always wet.

Ian will ask Pete Gosselin about bringing gravel to a spot near the trail.

Tyler will be the contact person for Eric Krull or the group advisor.

Veronique will be the person to facilitate the work on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Veronique will bring buckets. Some one will need to bring shovels.

**Congo Church work day – June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jean will contact Cath Burns to let her know we are interested. We will develop three different work opportunities for the church members. Potential ideas to date are:

-weed whack the Rivershore

-Johnnie Brook trail?

-Jericho Road trail – move the silt from the landslide

**Hike day** – discussed this briefly. Will discuss it at our next meeting when Jim is back.

**Johnnie Brook trail work** – Ian proposed that we utilize some of our remaining \$ to:

-Make improvements to the JBT

- Have 2-3 load of gravel delivered to the trailhead
  - Lars Whitman can move the gravel to intended spots for \$100 (gas money)
  - Chuck has agreed to let the trails committee go on his land to move the gravel
  - Greg Western from Cross Vermont Trail will then dig and shape the area and spread gravel for \$100
- Overall, for approximately \$200 we will have needed improvements to the trail
- The committee agreed to spend the money.

There is a remaining \$150 left in our annual budget. Talked about spending it on wood for improved signage on trails.

**-Long range plans -**

- A group will talk to Billy Preston about extending a trail to come out through his property and about clearing some trees on the Lower Loop for a lookout into the village. Ian will make the initial contact with Billy.
- 'Legal' Graveyard' trail. Tyler has a vision for the trail (roughed in). He will set a day for us to walk the trail, then we will set a work day to put in the trail.
- May need to re-route the descent to the Rivershore trail from Cochran's towards the village. First, we will need to contact the Barretts (owners), then set up a work party to complete the work.
- Walk the potential Sunshine Trail off of Jericho Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Bressor 4-20-16