

**KENTUCKY RECREATIONAL TRAILS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

January 27, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

**Salato Wildlife Education Center
One Sportsman Drive
Frankfort, Kentucky**

Members Present: Virginia L. Grulke, Chair; Ronald D. Cardwell, Vice Chair; J. Patrick Collins; Dennis E. Crowley; E. Lee Davis; Oran Little, Ph.D.; Preston McLain; Jeffrey D. Spainhour; Matt Sawyers, Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet (TAHC) (designee); Mark Cramer, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (DFWR) (designee); Karen Wilson, Energy and Environmental Cabinet (designee); Kristen Branscum, Department of Agriculture (designee); and Keith Damron, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (designee)

Members Absent: Debra K. Balliet; David L. Campbell; Kim Nelson; D. Brian Patton III; Sandy Runyon; Jenny Sewell; Malcolm C. Winsper; and J. Michael Brown, Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or designee

Guest and Staff Present: Susan Rieber, First Lady's Office (designee); Robert Fraley, Kentucky Outdoors Sportsmen Alliance, Inc.; Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Staff: Elaine Wilson, Executive Director of Adventure Tourism; Seth Wheat, Intern; and Mary Jean Atchison, Executive Secretary

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Grulke, Chair, welcomed everyone and recognizing a quorum present; she called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Grulke asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Dr. Little made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2010 Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority (KRTA) meeting; seconded Ms. Branscum. Motion carried by a voice vote.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson gave the Executive Director's Report which is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trail Development: A separate motion will be made at this meeting to address the topic of Trail Standards. The committee will work on the topic of Certified Trail Builders to bring a motion to the next meeting.

Trail Management: No report

Trail Education: No report

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Finance Committee: Mr. McLain reported items discussed via conference call and short face-to-face meetings:

1. What will we offer for the permit system: trail systems **for all user groups on Adventure Tourism?**
2. **Every permit will be different for each user group.**
3. **In motorized sports will we permit each person on the trails or each vehicle being used? We suggest we permit each person with an age cut off.**
4. **Who will sell permits: local businesses, trail heads, tourism departments, and / or purchase online?**
5. **Permits should be for one (1) year, seven (7) days, and daily. A yearly permit will expire the month that it is sold.**
6. **How much money per permit sold will return to the county or local entity?**
7. **How and who will pay for security on the trails? (Harlan County uses a deputy sheriff paid through the sheriff's office, with monies paid from the local board that runs the trials.)**
8. **We need to make sure that any permit, user fee, etc. , does not take away protection provided by KRS 411.190.**

Board Management Committee: Mr. Cardwell reported the committee decided that the most productive ongoing item would be to act as a liaison between the various other committees to try to make sure each committee achieves actionable items between KRTA meetings. The committee requested that a committee member be invited (when feasible to do so) to any conference calls / meetings of the other committees so they can stay informed of progress. They will also take up other items of interest when needed so as to move KRTA toward its goals and objectives.

Legislative Committee: Senate Bill (SB) 61: "An Act relating to recreational tourism and economic development and making an appropriation therefor. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 97 to enable local parks and recreation boards and regional recreation boards to establish landowner incentive programs for increasing access to lands for recreational use and tourism development;"

After a discussion, Mr. Cardwell made the following: Empower the development of a board position, no later than February 4, 2011, to encourage the Cabinet to support this issue; seconded by Mr. Spainhour. Motion carried by a voice vote.

House Bill (HB) 130: "An ACT relating to outdoor recreational tourism and economic development and making an appropriation therefore. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 148 to establish the Kentucky Mountain Trail Authority (KMTA) as an independent de jure municipal corporation attached to the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for administrative purposes only;"

Ms. Grulke suggested the members read over this bill and follow up with your individual legislators.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Management Plan Taskforce Update: Ms. Wilson reported she has sent out the information that is proposed and asked for any comments to be sent back to her. First they will be working with the Area

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Development Districts (ADD) to gather information regarding parking, camping, location of how long is the trail, trail head, etc. Once all the information is complete a RFP will be issued. It will look at creating across Kentucky trail system, mapping existing trails, and outline the process for a Master Plan. Everything will be completed by September 1, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for Trail Standards to be used by KRTA: Mr. Crowley, chair, Trail Management Committee, made the following motion: We recommend KRTA adopt the following as a guide for the construction and maintenance of trails in Kentucky for individuals and user groups for horseback, hiking, and mountain biking. No recommendations at this time for all-terrain vehicles (ATV). For the horse trails we are recommending the USDA Forest Service *Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trail, Trailheads and Campgrounds*. Hiking we are recommending the USDA Forest Service *Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook*. Mountain biking we are recommending *International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Standards*. These are to provide assistance to those who want to design a trail using our recommendation. This is intended to provide guidance rather than dictate one standard specification for all projects. It is our recommendation to recommend these guides to those that contact us for assistance.

Mr. Collins made a motion to accept the Trail Management Committee’s motion; seconded by Deputy Secretary Sawyers.

Approval of meeting dates:

March 16	September 28
May 25	November 16
July 27	

Mr. Burger made a motion to accept the above meeting dates for 2011; seconded by Deputy Secretary Sawyers.

USER GROUP REPORTS

ATV, OHV, Equine, Cycling, Hiking: Each member representative gave their user report.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct Ms. Grulke adjourned the meeting.

Virginia L. Grulke, Chair

Mary Jean Atchison, Executive Secretary
Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet