

**Wilderness Pedalers, Inc. Agenda**  
**September 25, 2017 11am - Town Board Room**

**Present;** Committee members: Denny Breitholtz, Al Drum, Paul Specth, Bob Horswill, and Sarah Johnson. Guests: Dick Hemming and Doug Edwards

**Approval of Minutes:** Al made a motion to approve 8/21/17 minutes. Sarah second. All aye.

**New Board Members:** Sarah made a motion to add Dick Hemming, Bob Twelmeyer, and Scott Behrendt as new members pending their acceptance. Paul second. All aye. Additional board seats (2) remain. Board members will be reaching out to other interested parties prior to the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached, no change.

**Letter from Marshall Reckard:** The Wilderness Pedalers received a letter in support of town lands for bike trails, pending actual route establishment.

**Update on Trail to WinMan:** It passed from Vilas County Forestry to Vilas County Highway Departments. The Highway Department tabled to next meeting, allowing for more concensus to be reached prior to taking up again.

**Committees:** Denny would like to establish 3 working committees:

- Fundraising & PR: Denny\*, Paul, Dick
- Grants - Sarah\*, Paul
- Trail Development - Al\*, Bob

Additional committee members (board and others) are invited to be brought on and numerous names were mentioned. There is a need for someone knowledgeable of GPS/online mapping to work with Trail Development.

**Fundraising Brochure:** It is with designer still. Approximate design cost = \$100. Denny will get pictures to Sarah from NSTA and Sarah will ask school for a couple. Goal to send out by early November. Need return envelopes and mailing envelopes, to accompany brochure and letter.

**Major Donors:** Dick Hemming was asked to be liaison between major donors and committee, with Denny's assistance. More to come on this as more details on trail develop.

**Update on County P By-Pass:** Sarah presented committee with 5 steps of trail approval, based on input from Dale Mayo (Vilas County Forestry) and David Bartling (Manitowish Waters Bike, Inc.), including:

1. DETERMINE EXACT LOCATION OF TRAIL (which sides, when crosses, right of way, private land owner-utility easements/permission). Use <http://vcgis.co.vilas.wi.us/>

[vcom/](#). NOTE: Hwy P may require engineering/design due to the difficult nature of it, right of ways, water, steeper drop offs, etc. At least 1 private landowner is not favorable to use of private lands along Hwy P. Need to try and use county right of way, even in narrow spots if possible, then look at utility easements which may also be on private land with utility-only easements.

2. DOCUMENTED SUPPORT BY TOWN OF TRAIL. Towns are governmental unit responsible. Who is committing to maintenance, how and with what funds.
3. PRESENT TO VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY RECREATION & LAND COMMITTEE. Assure no conflict with other user groups, submit reclamation plan in event trail no longer maintained. NOTE: When we choose to pave or trail bond an off road or right of way trail, all maintenance on "us/town". Snowmobiles can travel on this legally so need to assure surface (paved/bond) can withhold the traffic.
4. PRESENT TO VILAS COUNTY HIGHWAY FOR LAND USE AGREEMENT. At recent meeting re: WinMan Trail connection, at least one member indicated "everyone needs to be on board." (Perhaps impossible, but get forces organized BEFORE go to the Town/County).
5. WDNR FOR LAND USE AGREEMENT. Have to make amendments to Master Plan if trail is not in there. This has to go to the Natural Resources Board and can take time/presentation. Need surveyed map with legal descriptions and map when asking for this. WDNR contact = John Pohlman. The County B section as well as County K to Crab Lake Road (Big Lake Campground) are on the revised (not yet approved) Northern Highland American Legion State Master Plan to won't have to go to NRB for this extra ask.

Group agreed important to get Step 1 completed for trail from corners Hwy W/B to Hwy W/P. Al will schedule a time for all interested in walk the trail. Need someone with GPS/mapping skills to come along so the online work can accompany the boots-on-the-ground work.

**New Business:** The Wilderness Pedalers are invited to the Presque Isle Chamber's annual meeting: Weds, 10/4 at 5:30pm at Camp Jorn YMCA. \$25/person. Call to RSVP 715.686.2910.

**Next Meeting:** Weds, November 1 @ 11am.