

Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation
July 7, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Betsy Mahan. Board Members present: Nancy Myers, Doug Baker, Patricia Baker, Betsy Mahan, Bob Hunter, Kathy Jacobson, Ron Kampling, Jim Roxburgh. Others present included Charlotte Fernandez, Ken Press, and Fran Soto.

Betsy Mahan provided the following handouts: Copies of the proposed CVRTF Mission Statement; 2008-09 Annual Report; and proposed Bylaw revisions.

Betsy also introduced Ken Press, endurance running and walking advocate. Ken is a participant and supporter of the Parkway Half Marathon conducted each May along the Parkway corridor and is continuously working for public involvement and awareness in and for the best use of the Parkway corridor.

1. Treasurer's Report – Nancy Myers 2008-2009 Financial Statement

Checking Account Balance:	\$10,643.74
Other Inventory (total approximate value)	3,650.00
Liabilities	-0-
Receipts	13,940.05
Disbursements	16,928.84

A detailed Treasurers report is incorporated within the 2008/2009 Annual Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation Report.

2. April Meeting Minutes – Patricia Baker

Doug Baker moved to approve the April 2009 Board Minutes, Nancy Myers, seconded. Motion carried.

3. Annual Report Review - Betsy Mahan

Betsy went briefly over the introduction stating that CVRTF will not be discouraged by last year's setback. We will continue to remain visible by being involved in and encouraging other trail advocate, community, and public official support for rail-trail conversion projects throughout the Central Valley.

Betsy asked if there were any questions, or omissions regarding the Annual Report. There was an addition to Board Member highlight: Ron Kampling, named Sacramento Region's Cyclist of the Year, logging in 1,125 miles commuting between his home in Roseville and

downtown Sacramento. Jim Roxburgh added CVRTF's participation in a "Party Pardee Bike Ride" in which we had an information table as part of our outreach program.

4. **Election of Board Members**

- Patricia Baker
- Kathy Jacobson
- Nancy Myers
- Robert Hunter
- Jim Roxburgh

Doug Baker made a motion to re-elect all the Board Members under a blanket vote. Kathy Jacobson, seconded.

Betsy Mahan, Aye; Bob Hunter, Aye; Nancy Myers, Aye; Jim Roxburgh, Aye; Patricia Baker, Aye; Kathy Jacobson, Aye; and, Doug Baker, Aye
Motion carried.

5. **Election of Officers**

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President
- President

Patricia Baker made a motion that we continue with the current officers. Kathy Jacobson, seconded. Motion carried.

6. **McHenry Line Project – Betsy Mahan**

Betsy reported that she talked to the StanCOG Planner, Charles Turner and the City of Modesto Project Coordinator Bob Ford regarding the McHenry 5 mile Corridor. Union Pacific's abandonment alert notice opens the window to offer Modesto, Stanislaus County and the local community the benefit of our experience with regard to outreach and information materials. A discussion took place regarding the possible resources that would be needed to provide assistance. Charlotte Fernandez has realty contacts in the County that we can use as an information resource. Bob Grey is an avid cyclist and has done some research in the northern part of Modesto. There may be opposition from property owners

along the 5 mile corridor who have title reversion options. It was decided that more information will be needed from StanCOG, and taking a field trip to the McHenry Line Corridor would be appropriate to determine if we should offer our services in an advisory capacity. We may need to look into preparing a planning grant for expenditures.

7. CVRTF By-Laws Revisions

- Monthly Meetings: Section 8. Regular and Annual Meetings.
Regular meetings shall be held on the 1st Tuesday of each quarter at 7:00 PM, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Annual Meeting will take place in July, with subsequent meetings held in October, January and April.
Bob Hunter, made the motion to approve the quarterly meetings.
Doug Baker, seconded. Motion carried.
- Include New Projects: Article 2, Purposes, Section 1. Objectives and Purposes. The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be to educate the public, create, and/or administer a Rails to Trails projects for public use.
Doug Baker moved to approve and Nancy Myers, seconded.
Motion carried.
- Expanding Mission Statement to Include New Projects.
Betsy Mahan asked Board Members to review the proposed revision to the CVRTF Mission Statement as follows: To provide access to an important part of the Central Valley's history and rural environment by preserving rail corridors for use as public trails. Trail projects will be open to as many modes of non-motorized transportation as possible, including safe routes for cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians. CVRTF will assist in the design of each trail, as well as conducting outreach to the local communities to encourage support and usage.
Kathy Jacobson, moved to approve the revised Mission Statement. Seconded by Doug Baker. Motion carried.

8. TrailFest 2010 – Bob Hunter

The date of the TrailFest has been moved to Saturday, October 9, 2010. 5 PM – 8 PM at the Hunter Stallion Station in Wilton. The timeline for planning is as follows:

- November 2009, event announcement letters and forms will go out to perspective vendors, sponsors and fine arts exhibitors
- November 2009, firm commitments need to be made for music during the event and dancing after.
- January 2010, the canopy, tables and seating arrangements commitments to be made.
- January 2010, personal contacts follow-ups.
- April and May 2010, commitments for advertising i.e. radio announcements, running ads in the local papers, other cycling and running group notifications.

We also need to ask for more adult volunteers. We should develop a list of jobs to be performed by the volunteers.

9. Survey Project/ Partnership with Sacramento State– Ron Kampling.

- The MBA students will be scheduled to take part in the development of a property & business owner survey this coming Fall semester. The survey will include questions about the current use of the CCT rail corridor, and the economic impact of creating a trail as an alternative.
- Ron will be the liaison with the MBA department, assisting the students with development of the survey.

10. New Business – Wilton Walkers and Cyclists are holding their event this coming weekend.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 PM

Secretary, Patricia R. Baker