**Crozet Trails Crew**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, March 13th, 2014**

Anna’s Pizza, Crozet, VA

*Present: Bob S, Steve, Teri, Phil, Ron, Ben, Jess, Dan, Bob D, Clover, Kirsi*

**Introductions**

**Building:**

-Trail workday this Saturday 3/15 at Crozet Park to work on the lower trail on perimeter of planned dog park. Work will include digging, cutting, sawing, bush whacking. Plan to arrive at 9 am but expect a parking crunch because there is another event going on. Might be able to park at radio bldg.

* We plan to stain the kiosk seagull gray soon. To do this we will tape up plaques case & tape or remove case. Oil based paint is recommended, durable and waterproof. Might be next workday. Dan has tacked a map there but we will also put a laminated one after painting. Must be done by April 26. Byrom workday April 5... Maybe kiosk stain on April 19?
* Bob is working on connecting the CCT to the Old Trail trail. $1200 in OT budget this year for a bridge at Creekside across Lickinghole Creek to connect county property to developer property. Dan pointed out that because the creek floods, it will need to be a carefully engineered bridge, more elaborate than our past bridges. Dan approved Bob’s removal of the old barbed wire. Dan and Bob will set up a time to meet there and discuss how best to move forward..
* Lakeside Hills development has an old proffer with a built-in trigger based on buildout. Dan will contact/talk to Nate about the possibility of an interim agreement.
* Can we start on Foothill Crossing connector? Where does the RWSA agreement place it? From road down, it crosses people’s back yards. Need to let homeowners know. Dan will look into this.

**Planning:**

Review of 2014 goals

* Dan has signs & signposts for every trailhead, including Westhall bridge spot and a sign for park rules. Erecting these will be a good partner project.
* Need to work on upper loop at Mint Springs. Midweek group plus Tucker will plan a late afternoon meeting there. Will take time to nail down good route. Dan will set a day. Jess proposes March 29.
* Discussion of combining this with a hike to crash site maybe once a year, but this is partly on private property and the property owner is distressed by intruders and injury issues. Therefore this probably will not happen.
* Ben from the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National MS Society educated us about the MS Society. Our chapter covers a huge territory, from Cville west to W Va, with offices off Rio Rd. and in Charleston, WVa, and serves 6000 people with MS in this area. The Bike MS is one of three major fundraisers: Leadership events, walks (3/29), & Bike MS, which raised $300,000 last year and has a goal of $400,000 this year. He thanked CTC for their help last year and asked if we would like to staff a rest stop again this year. The event will be June 14 & 15, hosted by Pollak Vineyards and covers 4 counties. Bikers may choose from 8 routes of varying lengths (25, 50, and X-miles). They expect 350 riders to participate. There is a rest stop every 10 miles or so staffed by 3-5 people, so if we have enough volunteers we could staff it both days with 3+ people. The ride lasts from 7 am to 5 pm, so the time commitment is 4-6 hrs, but we can do shifts. Each stop gives out water & other treats—we are encouraged to put a personal stamp on our rest stop, with gift bags or CTC items (we were one of the best last year). There will be an info/training meeting in late May with catered food & live music, Where we will learn how to run a rest stop, pick up supplies, etc. We need to ID the volunteers by the May meeting.

- Cville Ladies Arm Wrestling (CLAW) has asked for proposals to be a beneficiary, ie receive portion of event receipts (potentially $1000-2000). To qualify we must be woman-founded, local, provide significant attendance or volunteer, and commit to promoting to our membership. Event dates are May 10, June 21, or Aug 23, 4-11 pm. Discussion about effect on our public image, not being trail-related, and our not being desperate for funds led to a decision not to accept this invitation. Dan hopes to put more funds for CTC in his budget.

- Relationship with Crozet Park-- why are we working there (as some did on 3/8)? Park has new officers who are looking at ways to curb the park use overload. They are considering more restriction of rentals and charging for significant events. We can pay with work in kind. This is why we worked at the park last Saturday, painted fence at radio bldg, etc. kudos to Phil (and Carl) for this and organization of midweek workdays.

* Kirsi attended to discuss the proposed trail to provide pedestrian access from Cory Farm to downtown (library etc.). The surveys are done, an easement has been approved by the HOA, dedication of greenway was part of the old proffering process, and attorneys are working to interpret it. People will walk through parkland (already given) to Crozet, and through Liberty Hall to get to Harris Teeter.This will make something that is already happening safe & user-friendly. This would end the isolation of Cory Farm and increase property values. Dan and Bob will provide Kirsi with a map of the proposed routes to show the HOA. Another issue is the connector from Westhall to Harris Teeter, County has been reluctant to approve this until a safer pedestrian crossing of 250 is established (there have been 2 deaths), but now funds have been set aside for this. Dan would like to invite all the subdivisions/ stakeholders of the affected communities to a Lickinghole Trails Day meeting to communicate the idea that these trails are planned for the community, not at the expense of the community.

**Other**:

- It was decided to switch our meeting day to either the 1st or 4th Thursday to avoid conflicts with CCAC meetings. Jess prefers 4th if Linda does not have a conflict

 - Discussions are underway for the use of the downstairs space at the library. There is a proposal for an “Adventure Outpost” staffed by park staff that would be a center for all things outdoors, hiking, boating, etc., which would include films, gallery space, art events. This would be a collaboration with the National Park Service, wineries, etc. Maybe we could have our meetings there and hold a trail bldg training day.

-Dan is reinstating his Greenway Advisory Committee to include reps from across county & across organizations, district reps, citizen reps, etc. It will hold quarterly meeting to look at maps and plans, plan strategically, eg Three Notch’d Trail.

-We will plan the Karen Zvarych and Steve Rosinski Bridge dedication for the spring, maybe early May

Next workdays: 3/15, Byrom 4/5

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 6:30 pm at Anna’s Pizza