Crozet Trails Crew

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2015, 6:30 pm

Southern Way Cafe, Crozet, VA

*Present: Jessica, Clover, Dan, Teri, Steve, David, Terri, Jan, Adriane, Bevin*

**Building:**

* The workday on Feb. 7 will be at Lickinghole Basin, where we will bushwhack/reroute trail to avoid having to fill in the low area. We may also widen the trail between the steps and the rickety bridge ( maintained by WR residents). Meet at base of Fairwinds Lane 9:00 in Western Ridge. Will also look at where we might put benches.
* Creekside Trail is on hold till Bob weighs in. Dan met with engineers and learned there is an easement higher up nearer the houses. Not sure if we will want to relocate the trail.
* Foothill Crossing trail almost done but needs planking / footbridge over riprap, about 5’ wide. A couple of steps down from the road would also be nice. Timber gives a better edge than rock. May use scraps.
* Grayrock trail will eventually connect to Orchard Lane and Jarmans Gap Rd.
* Mint Springs trail work training Sat. Feb. 21 will include site analysis & design. Maybe 4 hrs, eg 8:30 – 12:30, and we could order pizza lunch for participants. Dan is organizing this.
* Old Trail is about to bring bulldozers in to clear the woods toward Henley. Developer is getting ready to move the Lindy Bain Loop. It's going to get tight.
* Kim Guenther has asked us to work on the trail behind the Y. Once design is approved, we may help with this.

**Planning:**

* Trail map: Terri M sent draft to jess & Bob D, will go live soon.
* Goals for 2015 – the group reviewed last year's goals and decided whether to leave or remove /revise each.
* Boardwalk at Henley Hornets trail (Beaver Creek) – we need 2 boardwalks / bridges and one platform or barge, which will require working with an engineer to make footings in the water. This would make the large wooded, public area (bigger than Crozet Park) accessible as a park, where we could create a woodland trail, etc. There is a back way out also for emergency egress. Hope to get this group excited about it. The Beaver Creek reservoir is our drinking water supply, so any work will require regulatory approval.
* Appalachian Trail assistance – Jim Duncan received a request for rides from Crozet to the AT at Rockfish Gap. How can we pull facilities together to offer assistance to through hikers? Need volunteers to shuttle hikers back and forth to/from AT.
* Bench locations along trails – sheltered benches best – may be built by Eagle Scouts.

**Other:**

* Tax letters from 5K race donors have been sent – thanks Teri K!!
* CTC has received a $500 anonymous grant again this year. Just have to let them know how we used the funds.
* The Claudius Crozet Park Park has been approved for a grant from DCR to develop the Park Perimeter Trail. There will be a design meeting in the near future. We may be able to use part of this trail for our 5K run next fall. Work should start in June after grant has been officially approved, hope to be done by fall. The trail will be asphalt, and there will be a bridge or culvert over the drainage ditch near Park Rd.
* Jessica requested storage space (other than her house) for t-shirts, 5k papers, etc. There are 2 big boxes plus some stuff in the radio bldg. Adrienne and the Kostiws both volunteered.
* Trail monitors – it would be nice to designate volunteers to walk sections of the trail and report back about needed work. This could be done by Scouts if we had a liaison. People could sign up via a google doc or phone app. We would need to train them and define parameters. Dan is working on something similar on Pantops.
* Feel free to send Larry stuff to post on the website, eg pix. *?*

**Next workdays:**  - 2/7, 2/21

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 pm at Southern Way (or Library?)