

**Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC)
September 16, 2015, 10:30am – 1:30pm
By teleconference**

1. Meeting was called to order by Dana Johnson. Members in attendance: Dana Johnson, Debbie Peterson, Geoff Snudden, Bill Hauda, Rod Bartlow, Anne Murphy, Joel Patenaude, Blake Theisen. Staff: Jill Mrotek-Glenzinski (Department of Transportation), Brigit Brown (Department of Natural Resources).
2. Meeting minutes from the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. Committee Chair Reports.
 - a. **Funding.** Bill Hauda believes that funding opportunities don't exist in the current political climate.
 - b. **Outreach.** The NRTTC Facebook page continues to highlight relevant news items. Dana Johnson and Joel Patenaude will work on creating a QR code for NRTTC.
 - c. **Education.** Once the survey results were released, there was some feedback, both positive and negative, about the results. For example, there were emails indicating that the writer felt that DNR slanted the survey; however the survey was produced and summarized by NRTTC with very little involvement from DNR. Blake Theisen is up for taking on another task; Johnson suggested working with her and Joel on communications via the QR code. Theisen asked about a schedule for the newsletter. Previous discussion was that it would be on an as-needed basis.
4. Hauda stated that the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area draft master plan proposes to allow off-highway motorcycles six days per year and proposes that NRTTC oppose this proposal. Hauda moved to and volunteered to draft a letter to that effect. Anne Murphy seconded the motion. Agreed to by those present on the call*. Hauda will draft the letter, send out to NRTTC, then the council will have two days to review the letter. Once finalized, the letter will then be submitted to DNR c/o John Pohlman by the public comment deadline of September 25. Hauda also brought up the proposal to allow rocketry events at the property. Another group (Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger) is opposed to the rocket events, although Hauda does not see this activity as very disruptive. *NOTE: Blake Theisen had to leave the meeting prior to the vote.
5. Hauda discussed his communications with WisDOT about the earmarked WisDOT funds for the planning of the Capital City Trail – Glacial Drumlin State Trail connection and provided an overview and stated that he would keep the council up to date on the situation. A statement that this issue is relevant to the designation of U.S. Bike Route 30 was corrected; the designated route for USBR 30,

and all proposed bike routes, will be designated on existing facilities only. Therefore, the section of USBR 30 between Cottage Grove and Madison will be designated on existing bikeways (roads); the completion of the off-road section at this location is not holding up USBR 30 designation.

6. Hauda noted that Trek has begun to manufacture an electric bicycle and suggested that legislation may be needed to govern these types of electric or motorized bicycles. Brown and Mrotek-Glenzinski noted that motor bicycle is defined in state statute (s. 340.01 (30)), and that any motor bicycle capable of speeds greater than 30 miles per hour is a motorcycle under Wisconsin law (s. 340.01 (32), Wis. Stats.). The council will keep this issue of electric/motorized bicycles on their radar.
7. Geoff Snudden has been in communication with Ben Popp, Executive Director of the American Birkebeiner, about interest in the seat vacated by Ned Zuelsdorff. Snudden will ask Popp for a write up of qualifications/ résumé that the council can review at their next meeting. Other possibilities for membership are Scott Chapin (skiing, Snudden has contacted) and Will Andresen (bike/pedestrian/UW Extension, Theisen has contacted).
8. Brown will email a list of draft meeting dates for 2016.
9. Future agenda items/tasks (carryover from last meeting):
 - a. Newsletter, funding, positive items
 - b. Officer elections
 - c. Consider inviting Jeff Curry from the Great Headwaters
10. Adjourned 11:55 a.m.