

**Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC)
September 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
WI Bike Fed, 409 E Main Street, Madison, WI / Teleconference**

1. Meeting was called to order by Dana Johnson. In attendance: Rod Bartlow, William Hauda, Dana Johnson, Joel Patenaude, Debbie Peterson, David Phillips, Geoff Snudden, Blake Theisen, Brigit Brown (DNR staff)
2. Meeting minutes from June 20, 2013 meeting approved as presented.
3. Wisconsin Bike Federation Plan for the future discussion with council.

Tom Klein started with Bike Fed as the Dane County Director in April. Bike Fed (BFW) is working to engage folks from around the state in bicycling. BFW is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director; announcement is expected soon. BFW is focusing on trail connections, Epic mountain biking destinations, and education of cyclists, particularly at UW campus. Looking for state funded planning to determine a state bike route system.

Johnson proposed that NRTTC work to educate users on the facts and figures related to nonmotorized recreation. Format will be designed to inform nonmotorized participants on nonmotorized funding, safety, economic impact, and other issues. Patenaude and Phillips put together a sample letter, working with BFW to polish. Will send draft out before next meeting.

4. Discussion of the Badger Prairie Restoration proposal.

Dave Phillips sent out a proposed resolution prior to the meeting. Council discussed language and suggested minor changes for clarification. Passed in concept; Phillips will finalize draft language and send out to council for final approval.

5. William Hauda NR45 follow-up discussion.

Hauda has been in communication with multiple outlets about this issue but does not necessarily expect action this coming legislative session.

6. Committee Chair Reports.

a. Bylaws Committee: Has concluded its work for now, will be dissolved until needed (ad hoc).

b. Funding: Hauda has been investigating what is happening in Iowa, potentially a sales tax percentage similar to what is in place in Minnesota.

c. Outreach: Patenaude. No report.

d. Education: Thiesen. No report.

7. Dates for future meetings: January 15 (conference call), March 12 (in-person, tent. Stevens Point), June 11 (conference call), September 17 (conference call)