Meeting Minutes
Final - as of 1/13/12

Thursday, December 8, 2011
Teleconference - Room 613, GEF 2 Building, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison
6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

State Trails Council Members Present: Ken Carpenter, Randy Harden, Doug Johnson, Phil Johnsrud, Skip Maletzke, Mike McFadzen, Bryan Much, Dave Phillips, Luana Schneider, Robbie Webber
State Trails Council Members not in attendance: Harold Schmidt, Jim White
WI DNR Staff Present: Brigit Brown, Joseph Warren

6:00 P.M. – Call to Order. Consideration of Proposed Resolution for Senate Bill 226

- Harden called the meeting to order. The State Trails Council discussed a proposed resolution to request amendments to Senate Bill 226. The current draft of the Bill has an amendment concerning hunting and trapping in Wisconsin state parks. The Department of Natural Resources does not have a position on pending legislation.

- Phillips asked for the council to consider a resolution addressing Senate Bill 226. A draft resolution was sent to members for review and comments before the meeting. Harden stated he was unsure of the timing of the STC voting on the proposed resolution, as the bill language could change within the Senate. McFadzen stated the proposed resolution is commenting only on the amendment that deals with hunting and trapping in state parks. Much asked a procedural question regarding if the resolution was within the mission of the STC. Webber stated that some past resolutions have addressed the Legislature. Carpenter stated the STC is a group of trail advocates and user groups can also contact their legislators on this topic. Proposed resolution moved for discussion by Webber.

- Friendly amendment to replace the word “eliminate” in paragraph five with the phrase “significantly reduce”. Friendly amendment to remove paragraph six.

- In paragraph seven, friendly amendment to remove the words “and Natural Areas” and replace the word “special” with the word “specific”. Grammar correction in paragraph four.

- Move to vote on amended resolution by Webber. Seconded by Phillips. Roll call vote. Resolution passes 8-1, opposed by Harden. Once the resolution has been formally approved it will be posted on the STC website. User groups can use the resolution for distribution.

7:10 P.M. – Voting Positions for Appointment by the Governor

- The State Trails Council will have two openings for voting members, as the number of seats on the council has expanded from 9 to 11. Harden motioned to recommend Bryan Much as the Off-Highway Motorcycling representative and Harold Schmidt as the Off-Road Bicycling representative for approval to the Governor. Seconded by McFadzen. Motion passes. The Bureau of Parks and Recreation will send a letter to the Governor asking for approval of both positions.

7:20 P.M. – Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.