Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC)
June 20, 2013, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Teleconference

1. Meeting was called to order by Dana Johnson. In attendance: Rod Bartlow, William Hauda, Anne Murphy, Dana Johnson, Debbie Peterson, David Phillips, Geoff Snudden, Blake Theisen, Ned Zuelsdorff, Jill Mrotek-Glenzinski (DOT staff), Joseph Warren (DNR staff)

2. Meeting minutes from March 14, 2013 meeting approved.

3. Bylaws Committee report. The NRTTC bylaws were reviewed by the DNR legal team and approved. The bylaws have been posted to the website at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/trails/nrttc.html. The NRTTC has now completed this step.

4. Funding report. Hauda reported that there will be a protest ride concerning NR45 on August 16, 2013 and publicity will start to be generated as the date gets closer.

5. Mrotek-Glenzinski reviewed transportation funding for CMAQ. The DOT will be working to select projects and hopes to have a list of approved projects by the end of the year. Map 21 TA (Transportation Alternatives) replaced the TE program. A working group will be developing the process for applications. The group is preparing materials and hopes to be able to start taking applications in the fall. http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/tap.htm

6. Recreational Trails Program applications were due in May and DNR staff will be reviewing applications.

7. Electric bikes are growing in popularity, but questions arise as to how they need to be classified; as a bike, moped, motorbike or something else. Electric bike attachment. According to DOT legal, per statute (s. 340.01 (32), stats.), a motorized bicycle that can go more than 30 mph is a motorcycle. Also according to DOT, a driver’s license is needed to operate an electric-assisted bike. Users need to understand where the can operate. The DOT is pulling together all the various information and current statutes relating to electric bikes. Mrotek-Glenzinski will share with the council after the DOT legal team has reviewed.

8. Johnson asked if Brown could provide the council with the language to the DNR’s proposed changes for administrative code updates. Phillips stated the council would be interested in providing advice on the proposed changes. *Follow up: Council will be able to see proposed changes at the time they are available for review by the public. Council members may submit their advice on what should be included in the code changes at any time to Brown.*

9. Outreach committee report. Dropbox will be set up for the Council to use. SharePoint may also be a way for the council to share information and documents. Council will have to decide on best resource.

10. Education committee report. There will be a need to create more education about electric bikes.
11. New business. Phillips would like to see the council look at working with outdoor recreation industry professionals for ideas about raising money and a consistent funding stream for nonmotorized and transportation trails. Phillips will work with Patenaude to identify potential industry partners to bring to the funding committee for the next meeting.

12. New business. Phillips mentioned that the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance is concerned about the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant Property. The Alliance wants the DNR to follow the Badger Reuse Plan as the DNR goes through the master plan process. Phillips will send a link about the Alliance to the council. Johnson stated the NRTTC can support non-motorized users, but can also act as a moderator in planning issues.

13. Information about the DNR’s master planning process for the Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area is available online at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/MasterPlanning/SaukPrairie/.

14. New business. Snudden will report back to council at the next meeting concerning the vulnerable user legislation that the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin is working on.

15. Next meeting September 18, 2013. Depending on available funding meeting will be in-person or via teleconference. Follow up: Sept. 18 meeting will be held via teleconference (conference call). DNR is authorized to fund one in-person meeting per year (for 2013, that meeting took place on March 14).