

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2015  
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.  
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Andrew Wilmot.

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Approve Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes for the March 6, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

**Trail Signs & Intersection Numbering:**

Steve showed off all the new signs that have been painted with a “critter” image done by the seventh and eight grade art classes.

Bert will apply the urethane sealer in April.

The signs will then be put up in May before the end of school, the posts having been installed last year.

**Davis Corridor Bridges:**

A site inspection will be done in May to decide on the width (5 or 6 feet for horses) before going to Conscom.

**Benches:**

Bert presented his design for a bench to sit on the ground as opposed to on a boardwalk. After a short discussion of how to secure a bench on the ground it became obvious that the boardwalk design could be made to work on the ground by mounting the legs onto four-foot sections of pressure treated boards.

Bert also identified six possible sites for the new benches.

Bert will begin construction of up to six benches.

**Rodgers Road Trail:**

From a map Steve showed that Dudley Cunningham owns the property on which the Conscom held CR trail easement exists. Much of the easement is in a wetland and a boardwalk would be required. This will be checked out once the snow is gone.

**81 Russell St New Trails:**

This will be added to our 2015 goals list.

**Riverfest:**

It was agreed not to run a trail walk this year on June 20.

**New Business:**

**Trekker Award:**

Award number 31 was handed out to Andrew Wilmot who completed the trail requirements during the winters of 2011 and 2015. He is the first Trekker Award recipient to have done all the trails on skis.

**Response to Question of Winter Trail Etiquette:**

There was a long discussion on how skiers, snowshoers, and horses should share the trails. This is of particular concern in the Davis Corridor. There are no rules against horses using the trails. Signs could be put up requesting skiers and horses stay out of each others tracks. The Trails In Carlisle book devotes a full page to trail etiquette, so the concern has already been addressed. We could post these guidelines in the trail kiosks, although there are none in the Davis Corridor.

For the May meeting, members should come up with ideas on how to boil down this one page of guidelines to fit on a simple sign.

**Plan April Activities:**

Nothing was planned for April.

**Other New Business:**

This years vernal pool walk will be at Twin Peaks on Benfield Hill, on Saturday, May 9.

**Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting will be April 3, 2015.