

**Lowell Area Trails Meeting**  
**March 10, 2004**  
**4:00 - 5:30 pm**  
**Athletic Office Conference Room**  
**Lowell High School**

**Present:** Mari Stone, Perry Beachum, Alan Rumbaugh, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Barry Hobrla, Andy Linebaugh, Paula Blumn, Jessica Johnston, and Betsy Davidson

**Donation from Flat River Snowmobile Club.**

Patty Sellner and Brad Potter presented donation check of \$10,000 for construction of the first section of the trail. The Flat River Snowmobile Club is disbanding and is donating it's assets to local organizations. Dan Schneider of the Lowell Ledger took a picture for a story on the donation.

**Public Information**

Final preparations for the Lowell Community Expo to be held March 27 were discussed. The Trial will have a booth in the corner of the cafeteria with access to a TV. Other features of the booth;

- Video of Pere Marquette Trail (Rails to Trails)
- Power Point presentation on trails and potential Lowell segments
- Jar to accept donations.
- Display map of the potential trail system.
- Sign up list for volunteers and information list.

Perry suggested dressing up the booth to attract attention. Features discussed include;

- Bench, Andy will check with company that makes benches from recycled plastic
- Plants or tree
- Bikes, Betsy will check with Ada Bike Shop for display bike
- Mulch

**Discussion of Cooper Woodland cleanup**

Paula will discuss with Lowell Education Foundation  
Perry can get wood chipper from Timpson's  
Al will organize cleanup.

**Discussion of Draft Agreement**

Issues to be investigated include;

- Examples of other trail agreements
- Define relationship to other trails (North Country and Rails to Trails)
- Estimate of annual maintenance and insurance cost
- Administrative costs

**Funding applications**

Mari will follow up on Dave Pasquals suggestion to meet with the Lowell Area Community Fund Board to explore establishing a long term plan that would involve yearly funding requests.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at our next group meeting on **Tuesday April 13, 2004 at 4 pm, Lowell City Hall**, following meeting with Lowell Area Community Fund Board.

LARA meeting dates will normally be on the second Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
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