

POA Trails Committee
2010 Annual Report
March 2010 – February 2011

Committee Members:

Dale Webb	March 2010 – February 2011 Chairperson, May 2010 – February 2011, Vice-Chair, April 2010, Secretary, March 2010
John Tidquist	March 2010 – February 2011 Vice-Chair, May 2010 – February 2011
Ginger Tanner	March 2010 – February 2011 Secretary, April 2010 – February 2011
Claire MacNeill	March 2010 – February 2011
Steve Rittenmeyer	March 2010 – February 2011 Vice-Chair, March 2010
Marti Mather	April 2010 – February 2011 (replaced Dianne Blake)
Dianne Blake	March 2010 – April 2010 (resigned)
Judy Owens	March 2010 – April 2010 (resigned) Chair, March 2010 – April 2010
POA Board Liaison:	
Jeff Atkins	March 2010 – April 2010
Katie Feather	May 2010 – February 2011

Public Works Staff Liaison:

David Whitlow
Randy Noles

Motions Made and Passed:

June 2010 A motion was made to reaffirm the policy to keep all pets on leash on trails at all times. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made that the Committee adopt the following goals for this year:
1. Promote the Friends of the Trails recruitment and participation; 2. Pursue the extension of Hernando to Goosepond Bridge; 3. Complete the trail at Castellon; 4. Increase participation in committee sponsored walks and the non-walkers trail experience. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made that a sub-committee be appointed to update Trails Committee regulations in the Public Works handbook. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

August 2010 A motion was made to approve a project for the Friends of the Trails to coordinate and plan the November Trail Walks. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

September 2010 A motion was made to give Friends of the Trails permission to print flyers promoting the November Trail Walks and the Friends of the Trails program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Other Items:

April 2010 Election of Trail Committee officers were held. Judy Owens was elected Chairperson, Dale Webb was elected Vice Chairperson and Ginger Tanner was elected Secretary.

Spring Trail Walks were held on many of the Village Trails in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Representatives from the Governor's Office, Council on Fitness, attended one of the walks. There were 89 walkers during the week.

Claire MacNeill and John Tidquist presented the Committee's 2010 Five Year Plan to the POA Board.

The Non-Walkers Trail Experience was held on Cedar Creek. There were 10 from Fountain Lake, 5 from Jessieville and 12 individual participants from the Village. Good Sam did not participate this year due to the threat of bad weather.

May 2010 Due to the resignation of Judy Owens, a special election was held to replace Judy as Chairperson. Dale Webb was elected Chairperson and John Tidquist was elected Vice-Chairperson.

New signs were put up on Village trails reminding walkers that all pets must be kept on a leash.

June 2010 The Committee was asked to revisit the possibility of having pets off leash on Village trails. The Committee reaffirmed the new policy to keep pets leashed on trails at all times.

The Committee recommended to Public Works that memorials on Village trails should be restricted to benches which are approved and installed by the POA.

August 2010 The Committee made recommendations to Public Works for minor changes in the Public Works handbook regarding trail regulations.

The Friends of the Trails agreed to take primary responsibility for the November Trail Walks.

Dale Webb approached the Board and requested that the extension of Hernando to Goosepond Bridge and the trail at Castellon Courts be completed this year.

September 2010 The Committee assisted with the Village Walk for Cancer Research on Hernando trail on September 25th. The Friends of the Trails assisted Committee members with the cleanup of the trail prior to the walk.

Claire MacNeill prepared an estimate of volunteer hours for the Trails Committee. She estimated that the Committee totaled 803 hours and the Friends of the Trails totaled 600 hours for a total of 1403 volunteer hours.

October 2010 The Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 27th. John Tidquist coordinated the presentation and several Committee members staffed the booth during the day.

November 2010 The Village Trails Day was held on November 13th. The event was coordinated by the Friends of the Trails this year. The Committee led walks on Balboa Spillway and DeSoto Multipurpose. The Audubon Society lead a walk on Magellan Beaver Dam and the Ouachita Mountain hikers lead a 10 mile hike.

Accomplishments:

May 2010 Signs were installed on all Village trails stating the new pet leash policy.

August 2010 Public Works updated their handbook of regulations and adopted new trail regulations as proposed by the Trails Committee.

November 2010 The Friends of the Trails took responsibility for the Committee sponsored November Village Trails Day. They prepared flyers, manned kiosks advertising the walks, and assisted Committee members in leading the walks. They also prepared new brochures advertising the Friends of the Trails program.

Yearly Participation in trail walks sponsored by the Committee showed an increase over last year.

The Friends of the Trails program was heavily promoted during the year. Friends of the Trails were asked to assist with more projects, and took on a project of their own (November Trail Day).

Sub Committees:

Trails Participation in 40th Anniversary Event – Dale Webb, John Tidquist and Dianne Blake.

Five Year Plan Update Committee (2010 Submission) – Claire MacNeill, Dale Webb and John Tidquist.

Five Year Plan Update Committee (2011 Submission) – Claire MacNeill, John Tidquist and Marti Mather.

Update to Public Works handbook – Claire MacNeill, Marti Mather and Randy Noles.

All these things were accomplished through exceptional teamwork of the Committee, the POA Public Works Department and the POA Staff. We are very appreciative of the work that the Public Works Department personnel accomplish to maintain our trails in their outstanding condition for the good of Hot Springs Village.

Dale Webb
Chairperson