

**POA Trails Committee
2007 Annual Report**

Committee Members:

Jim Gifford	Chairperson, January - April
John Tidquist	Chairperson, April - December; Vice-Chairperson, January - April
Claire MacNeill	Secretary, January - April; Vice-Chairperson, April - December
Carolyn Minson	January - December
Carl Skoglund	January - December
Harry Thomas	January - April
Steve Rittenmeyer	February - December (Replaced Russ Nooyen who resigned)
Judy Owens	Secretary, April - December

POA Board Liaison:

Greta Wolfe	January - April
Jeff Atkins	April - December

Public Works Staff Representatives:

David Whitlow
Randy Noles

Motions Made and Passed:

April John Tidquist made a motion that the Joint Proposal of the Golf/Trails Working Committee be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tidquist moved that we accept the report of the informal discussion between representatives of the Trails Committee, the HSV Audubon Society, and the Animal Welfare League reference walking of dogs on the trail. Motion passed unanimously.

May Claire MacNeill moved to accept the proposal by the Audobon Society to place binders to enable people to attest to sightings of wildlife and flowers on Cedar Creek, Magellan Beaver Dam and Balboa Spillway. Motion passed unanimously.

July Jim Gifford made a motion to allow the Audobon Society to identify the trees on Cedar Creek Trail and thanked them for their efforts. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gifford made the motion for the Trails Committee purchase a new bench for the new Hernando Trail. Motion passed unanimously.

September Jim Gifford moved to recommend to the POA Board for inclusion in the 2008 Capital Budget Items Number 2 and 3 of the 5-Year Plan. Items 2 - \$14,140 for Ponce de Leon West to Ecuestre for \$9,789 and Complete Hernando Trail from Ecuestre West across Danville Road to parking area just west of Danville Road for \$4,351. Item 3 - \$15,745 for connection from Hernando Trail to Ponce de Leon east to the new loop of the Balboa Spillway Trail for \$10,122 and connection from the west end of Hernando Trail to Carmona to the DeSoto Spillway Trail for \$5,623. Motion passed unanimously.

November Carl Skoglund asked for formal vote on allowing golf carts on the new Hernando trail. Motion passed 4 to 3.

Other Items:

January Jessieville High School students have begun a GPS Mapping Project on the Village trails. A preliminary report was presented to the Trails Committee at the January meeting. This will eventually translate into updated maps in our Trails Brochure.

Extensive work was done on the Magellan Beaver Dam Trail to permanently eliminate the water problem in the bridge area of the trail. Several large drainage pipes were installed to redirect the water flow.

April Spring Trail Walks were held on many of the Village trails on Tuesday and Fridays during April.

The 4th Annual Walk for Non-Walkers was held on April 24 on Cedar Creek Trail. Two sessions were held, a morning session for Village residents and an afternoon session for handicapped students from Jessieville School.

Election of Trail Committee officers was held. John Tidquist was elected Committee Chairperson, Claire MacNeill was elected Vice Chairperson, and Judy Owens was elected Secretary.

September The Village Walk for Cancer Research was held on Hernando Trail on September 8. A record number of 320 walkers including the higher echelon of the Cancer Research Foundation registered for the walk and over \$23,000 was raised for The Arkansas Center for Cancer Research at UAMS.

Dedication of the new Hernando Trail section was held on September 10th with 25 people in attendance.

October The Trails Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 17. Jim Gifford coordinated our presentation and several committee members staffed the booth during the day.

November Dick Breckon and David Johnston from the POA presented the committee with copies of Article XII of the By-Laws, Charter for the Trails Committee, Chapter Seven, Article 2, Guidelines, Standing Committee Selection Process and Chapter Seven, Article 3, Guidelines, Chairperson of Standing Committees.

The 5th Annual Village Trails Day was held on November 10. Guided walks were held on DeSoto Multi-Purpose and DeSoto Marina in the morning and Hernando Trail in the afternoon with over 100 people participating. The Ouachita Mountain Hikers participated with a separate schedule and hiked more of the Village trails.

Accomplishments:

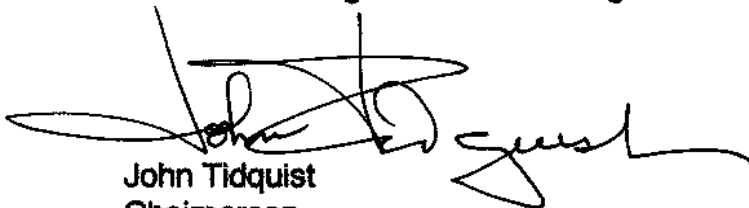
April The Joint Golf/Trails Working Committee developed a proposal for presentation to the POA.

September The completion of the extension to the Hernando Trail between Ponce to Ponce.

Sub-committees:

Joint Trails-Golf Working Committee - Jim Gifford, John Tidquist and Carl Skoglund.

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 all of Hot Springs Village.



John Tidquist
Chairperson