

**POA Trails Committee
2009 Annual Report
March 2009 - February 2010**

Committee Members:

Judy Owens	March 2009 - February 2010 Chairperson, April 2009 - February 2010, Vice-Chair, March 2009
Steve Rittenmeyer	March 2009 - February 2010 Vice-Chair, April 2009 - February 2010
Dale Webb	March 2009 - February 2010 Secretary, March 2009-February 2010
Claire MacNeill	March 2009 - February 2010 (Chair, March 2009)
John Tidquist	March 2009 - February 2010
Jim Gifford	March 2009 - April 2009
Marion Monk	March 2009 - December 2009 (resigned)
Dianne Blake	April 2009- February 2010
Ginger Tanner	January 2010-February 2010 (replaced Marion Monk)

POA Board Liaison:

Jeff Atkins

Public Works Staff Representatives:

David Whitlow

Randy Noles

Motions Made and Passed:

June 2009 Steve Rittenmeyer made a motion that it is the sense of the Committee that, if a bench is deteriorated or unsafe, the bench donor is responsible for the cost to replace the bench (unless the damage is an act of nature) if the donor wants it replaced, as per Operating Policies, Chapter Two, Article 10, Sections 5 and 6. Dianne Blake seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Rittenmeyer made a motion that the Committee adopt the following goals for this year: 1. Increase participation in the Village Trails Walks, the Walk for Non Walkers and the Spring Trail Walks; 2. Address animal control issues on trails; 3. Support the Jessierville East Lab GPS project toward finalization; 4. Enhance Friends of the Trails projects and participation; 5. Continue revision of the Trails Brochure. Claire MacNeill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- July 2009 John Tidquist made a motion to accept the updated Procedures and Trail Maintenance Guide for the Friends of the Trails. Claire MacNeill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Sept. 2009 Dianne Blake made a motion that the Committee bring forth a policy revision to Public Works for Public Works to present to the Board for approval requiring any pet on a Village trail to be on a leash and under the control of their owners. Claire MacNeill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Oct. 2009 Steve Rittenmeyer made a motion that the Committee adopt the amended Bench Request and Bench Owner Responsibility forms. Claire MacNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Dec. 2009 John Tidquist made a motion that the Carmona, Barcelona and Santa Maria trails be removed from the trails brochure. Claire MacNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Jan. 2010 John Tidquist made a motion to rescind his motion to remove Carmona, Barcelona and Santa Maria trails from the trails brochure and made a motion to keep the trails in the brochure, designated as cart path trails and not intended for foot traffic. Steve Rittenmeyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Dianne Blake made a motion to accept the new version of the trails brochure. John Tidquist seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Feb. 2010 John Tidquist made a motion to accept the Five Year Plan. Dianne Blake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Dianne Blake made a motion to accept the 2009 Annual Report. John Tidquist seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Items:

- April 2009 The election of Trail Committee officers was held. Judy Owens was elected Committee Chairperson, Steve Rittenmeyer was elected Vice Chairperson and Dale Webb was elected Secretary.
- Spring Trail Walks were held on many of the Village Trails on Tuesdays and Fridays during April. There were approximately 12 walkers at each walk.
- May 2009 The 5th Annual Walk for Non-Walkers was held on May 4 on Cedar Creek Trail. Participants included 12 from Good Sam Campus, 11 from Jessieville School District and 10 from Fountain Lake School District.

- June 2009 Judy Owens and John Tidquist made a presentation to the Golf Committee about the proposals for future trails in the Village. The Golf Committee supports the trail system and the use of some of the trails for golf carts.
- Twenty new signs were installed on Hernando Trail noting the receipt of the Governor's Award in 2008.
- July 2009 Dale Webb set up a new binder to include a copy of all requests for trail benches along with trail maps to show the location of benches and proposed location of future benches.
- Jessieville East Lab students briefed the Committee on their mapping of Village trails to create a virtual tour. The information can be accessed at www.jvilleeast.org/hsv_trails.
- Sept. 2009 The Trails Committee assisted with the Village Walk for Cancer Research, held on Hernando Trail West on September 19.
- Oct. 2009 The Trails Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 28. John Tidquist coordinated our presentation and several committee members staffed the booth during the day.
- Nov. 2009 The 7th Annual Village Trails Day was held on November 14. Guided walks were held on DeSoto Multipurpose and Cedar Creek. The Quachita Mountain hikers participated with a separate schedule and hiked more of the Village trails.

Accomplishments:

- Oct. 2009 The Board approved the new pet leash policy as proposed by the Trails Committee.
- The Committee formulated and adopted new forms for a bench request that reflect the bench owners responsibility in regard to replacement or repair of a bench, unless the damage is deemed to be an act of nature.
- Jan. 2010 The Trails Brochure was revised to reflect the new pet policy, change the designation of trails to Nature (foot traffic), Multipurpose (foot traffic, bikes, golf carts) and Cart (shoulder of road, not intended for foot traffic), and to make colors and verbiage consistent throughout.
- Yearly The Friends of the Trails program was heavily promoted during the year using the media and flyers. There are now 15 individuals signed up as Friends of the Trails and they are available to assist Committee members as needed.

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

The Committee continued to work with the Jessieville East Lab students in their efforts to map the Village trails and create a link to their work from the POA website. That link has been successfully added to the POA website and can be accessed under "Recreation" and then "Trails".

Sub-committees:

Trails Participation in 40th Anniversary Event - Dale Webb and Dianne Blake.

Trails Brochure Revision - Dianne Blake, Marion Monk and Dale Webb.

Five Year Plan Update Committee (2009 submission) - Marion Monk, Claire MacNeill and Dale Webb.

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

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.



Judy J. Owens
Chairperson