

PATH General Meeting -November 19, 2011-at the home of Charlene and Walt Davis-Burlington, NC.

1. Steve Yonts will replace Chris Bracknell as Vice President. Chris will take Steve's place on the Board for 2012-2013. (This was approved by the Board). The slate of officers was presented and approved by the general membership.

2. If you have volunteer hours send them to Paul Clayton.

3. Committee Reports:

A. T-shirts-Marcia Cope reported on the sale of PATH T-shirts. All the shirts that were ordered were sold. We have \$269.20 net worth. We sold 132 "walking billboards" --T-shirts.

B. AT Communities-Steve Yonts-All of Bland County is now an AT Trail Community.

C. Map and Guide Book-Tom Dillon-The new maps and books are out.

D. Chestnut Ridge- Jim Houck- We are mowing the Ridge. We have received \$3500 in 2012 from the AT to mow. Mr. Beaufort(a local) is doing the mowing. We received another \$2000 for mowing in 2013.

E. Data Book-Tom Dillon-Send suggestions to Tom.

F. Davis Path Shelter-Steve Yonts- We will need to look into the old site or new sites for a new shelter. This will be referred to a committee.

G. Grants-Paul Haag--We received \$720 in 2011 from LL Bean. We used it for a projector and a new screen. Paul will apply in 2012 for another grant from LL Bean.

H. History- John Hartpence- Updated history to 2011 on the website. We need pictures and information on the AT when it was on Walker Mt.(prior to 1980). We are going to check on the AT at local Courthouses and send letters to people who might help us(like the President of the Roanoke Club).

I. T-shirts and Patches -Bill Boudman-we spent \$2,100 for more foot patches to give volunteers and workers on the trail.

J. Tilson Farmstead--Steve Yonts--It was bought by NPS. It was then given to USFS. We are still trying to find what district controls this area. Some feel that it is the county line that determines the division line. We continue to work with MT. Rogers and the New River Valley District on this. When this is finalized we will be able to begin our trail relocation. Steve will keep us updated on this area.

K. Trail Dawg Days-- Marcia Cope- Marcia reported on the success of this years Dawg Days. Next Dawg Days will be held July 27-28, 2012.

L. Trails in Every Classroom--Greg Weaver--Greg reported on what is going on in this area. Barry Hester and Donalee White reported on their visit to a school this month. It was very successful.

M. Training-Bill Boudman- Bill gave status on courses in first aid/cpr/ sawyers. He told members that PATH will pay for people taking these courses.

M. Hikes--Diana Billips--Diana discussed the hike programs in 2011. She showed the patches for completing our 70 Miles of Trails.

N. Tool Barn and signage--Jim Houck discuss work to be done on the Barn this year. He discussed the need for signs and blazing on some of our sections. He discussed the condition of our stiles and repair work to be done.

4. Jack Bookman discussed paying your dues. You can pay today, online, or mail them to him. Our club dues are down this past year.

5. Jim Houck discussed the need for sprucing up our shelters. We will work on Chestnut Knob this year. It has not been re-painted since 1994. We will have evening programs this year. We will use our new projector and screen.

6. Diana Billips gave our 70 Miles of Trail patches to those who earned them.

7. Jim Houck gave out AT vests, hats, patches and pins to those who earned them.

8. Bill Boudman gave out 2011 Konnarock T-Shirts to those who earned them.

Thanks to Charlene and Walt Davis for their hospitality at the meetings. Thanks for opening your "beautiful" house to us. Thanks Charlene for the coffee and muffins before the Board Meeting.

John Hartpence

PATH Secretary