

ORTAC Meeting



Minutes of the meeting: **Date:** Friday, March 17, 2006
Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Where: Tryon Creek State Recreation Area
Portland, OR

Council Members:

Ric Balfour, Congressional District 1 – present
Bruce Ronning, Congressional District 2 – present
Ernie Drapela, Congressional District 3 – present
Chuck Solin, Congressional District 4 (Coastal Rep) – present
Terry A Wheeler, Congressional District 5 – present
Bruce Galloway, Congressional District 5 – present
C. John Mare, Congressional District 5 (Coastal Rep) – present

OPRD Staff:

Rocky Houston, State Trails Coordinator – present
Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager – present

Other Present:

Roger Skoe, Federal Highways Administration - present

Open of Meeting – Ernie Drapela

Welcome

Self-Introductions

January 30th, 2006 Meeting minutes

Chuck Solin made motion to approve minutes.

Bruce Galloway seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Doug Newman Award- Rocky Houston

ORTAC had a discussion around the motion to have Al Lepage as the 2004 recipient. Upon review, it appears that ORTAC had nominated Al as the 2003 recipient. Discussion led ORTAC to recall that the information for Al Lepage was actually for the year 2003, not 2004. ORTAC decided that we should move forward and get a nominees for this year and skip the year 2004.

Action:

- *OPRD to develop a mini-award to give to the Doug Newman Award recipient.*
- *OPRD to solicit for nominees for the year 2005.*
- *Doug Newman Award recipient selection will occur at May 2006 meeting*
- *OPRD to investigate having award given at Willamette Water Trail Dedication on June 3, 2006.*
- *OPRD to get information to ORTAC members on nominee process.*

Travel Expense Training – Kit Cromwell

Kit Cromwell, OPRD's staff person for travel expenses, conducted training on the procedures that ORTAC members must follow to receive reimbursement for their travel expenses. Kit provided ORTAC with several handouts and answered several questions to make the process easier for them and allow for quicker payments.

April OPRD Commission meeting brief – Richard Walkoski

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager, presented a draft brief being submitted to the OPRD Commission on April 13, 2006 in Prineville. Ernie Drapela will be presenting the brief on the status of ORTAC and trails in Oregon. ORTAC made had a discussion about the brief and offered some edits to the brief.

Action:

- *OPRD to send ORTAC members a copy of the agenda brief and a copy of the OPRD Commission schedule/agenda.*
- *OPRD to bring the Doug Newman Award plaque to the meeting.*

State Recreation Trail Designation Process – Rocky Houston

Rocky Houston brought a process related question to the Recreation Trails Statues. It indicates that there is a process to designate trails a State Trail and he wanted to gather information as to the process and why it had been 20 + years since a trail was designated.

Ernie Drapela opened the discussion by providing details around the process. The process required that a public meeting/open house was to occur prior to any trail being designated. The first priority was the Oregon Coast Trail. Ernie recalled going to several of these meetings with Pete Bond, former State Trails Coordinator. The process was cumbersome. It required several meetings and

was not serving the public well. The focus was switched to adopting a Statewide Trails Plan and use that as the impetus to establish a statewide trail system.

Action:

- *OPRD to review Statute, Rule and existing process and identify if designation should be continued and what process to use.*
- *ORTAC to review process at a future meeting*

Portland Area Trail Updates – Rocky Houston

Rocky reviewed several projects in the Portland Metro Area that OPRD is working on and other community partners are working on.

- LL Stub Stewart – New State Park with planned 17-miles of multi-use trails and another 10+ miles of mountain bike / freeride trails. A review of the draft trails plan was presented to a stakeholder's meeting on 3/16/06.
- Banks-Vernonia Trail – Washington County has received a TEA-21 award to complete the trail into Banks. The project will include the paving of 0.6 miles of trail and build a trailhead in Banks. OPRD just purchased a 50-acre parcel for the trail. This leaves one section left to have a complete trail. OPRD has two options to complete the trail.
- Cazadero Trail- OPRD is applying for a TEA-21 award to pave 5 miles of trail from Boring to Barton Park. This would extend the Springwater Trail farther east. This project will include up to 3 bridges to span Deep Creek.
- METRO – They have a bond measure being voted on in November that would assist in purchasing land for the Cazadero Project.
- Bike Summit- 1st ever summit on biking will occur April 1st in Eugene.

World Mountain Bike Conference- Rocky Houston

The World Mountain Bike Conference is being held in Whistler, B.C. this year. It will run from June 20-23, 2006. Ric Balfour has requested reimbursement for the conference fee. A discussion was held on prior ORTAC/OPRD involvement in payment for conferences, etc.

Terry Wheeler made a motion for OPRD to pay for Ric's conference fee so he can attend the World Mountain Bike Conference.

Bruce Ronning seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

ORTAC Meetings- Bruce Ronning

Bruce Ronning began this discussion topic. The discussion revolved around how ORTAC members would to see the meeting be developed and historical meetings. The end result was ORTAC requesting to have more public awareness and involvement at the meetings. ORTAC would like to discuss the regional issues identified in the State Trails Plan and look at projects that are being developed or were funded/presented for Recreation Trail Program funds.

Action:

- *OPRD to develop plans for more public involvement at ORTAC meetings.*
- *OPRD to develop project tours as part of the meetings.*

Good of the Order

Next ORTAC meeting will be in Rogue Valley area on May 19-20, 2006. Bruce Galloway will work with OPRD to develop an agenda for the meeting.