

Jordan Valley 45°

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Calendar

May General Meeting

Sat. May 10, 2014

Time: Hike 2:00 pm

(see article pg. 1)

Meeting: 6:00 pm

Place: Boyne Valley

Township Fire

Hall, Boyne Falls

FREE Dinner, Elections

All Welcome

Trail Town-National Trails Day

Hike/Celebration

Sat. June 7

Place Petoskey Bear

River Park

More details to come

Chainsaw Training Course

June 17-18

Place: Manistee, MI.

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Annual NCTA Conference

Aug. 21-23, 2014

Duluth, MN.

(See website)

NEW! Annual North Country

National Scenic Trail Day

Sept. 27, 2014

April, 2014

President's Report

by Duane Lawton

CHAPTER MEETING AND HIKE -- Saturday, May 10

This is (as always) a Public Meeting—Invite Your Friends and Acquaintances.

2:00 pm Hike.

Meet at Deadman's Hill. We will be hiking into the Jordan Valley to: 1.) Install a prototype trail register box at the junction with the NCT, and 2.) Walk the proposed reroute of the trail above the beaver ponds (to avoid the collapsed bridge, the beaver flooding and the phragmites). About 5 miles. Should be FUN!!

6:00 pm Dinner Meeting.

At the regular place—Boyne Valley Township Fire Hall on Railroad Ave. in Boyne Falls. First we will do some 2014 summer project planning over FREE pizza dinner. Then we will hold our 2014 election of officers. Then we will enjoy a presentation by Josh Berlo: "Climbing the 48 Highpoints of New Hampshire"(tentative presentation at this date.)

RSVP. Please let us know if you're planning to attend...it'll help us with the pizza order.

Duane

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VIDEO SHOOT

Bruce Matthews (Executive Director, NCT) has written lyrics for a song about the NCT, "We Build Trail in Low Places", to a tune you'd recognize. He is leading a project to create a music video of the song. He intends to put it on YouTube, etc. He has successfully funded \$5000 to make the music video with a Kickstarter project. He intends to shoot the main video in late May.

Meanwhile, he has asked all chapters to submit video of chapter activities, on the trail and otherwise, for potential inclusion in the music video. He would like every chapter to be represented.

So, we are going to shoot video (very, very informally) on our hike and at the chapter meeting on May 10. Be there, be a STAR!

CHAPTER BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

Your Board/Leadership Committee will vote on amending our By-Laws to enable absentee voting in the chapter election. That means that if you cannot attend the meeting on May 10, you could still be able to vote for the candidates of your choice. Presuming the By-Laws amendment is approved, you should receive a slate of candidates and instructions for absentee voting on April 25, 2014 in an email or a few days later by snail mail,(if you do not have email.).

CALL TO CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

All of your Officers and other Board positions are open for election. I will be nominating all of the incumbents who are willing to continue serving. At this time we have no candidates for Trail Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer (in the past we have one Secretary/Treasurer).

Please submit your nominations for any office to Duane no later than April 24, 2014. Duane's email is delawton@torchlake.com You are welcome (encouraged) to nominate yourself. Nominations will be accepted with the understanding that the nominee has confirmed willingness to serve. Roles and Responsibilities for all chapter positions are included below for your reference (see pg.3)

All positions are normally for a term of two years. However, we have not been following our By-Laws which call for staggered terms and annual elections. Because of this, half of the offices being filled will be for two year terms, and half will be for one year terms.

If you are not yet a chapter member, PLEASE JOIN!(See pg.4)

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE/CELEBRATION IN PETOSKEY "TRAIL TOWN"

National Trails Day 2014 is Saturday, June 7th.

We are in the final planning for this year's National Trail Day event, to again be a celebration of the trail in the Petoskey area. Tentatively we will have a hike (maybe two choices), and a picnic in Bear River Park with local businesses and organizations participating. We hope you can participate. More details to come...



Chapter Officer/Leadership Committee Members' Roles and Responsibilities

President

The President shall preside at all meetings, direct the activities of the Chapter, and act as spokesperson and chief liaison to the national NCTA for the Chapter. The President and/or Leadership Committee may appoint or remove as necessary ad hoc committees with agreement of each other. The president is a voting member of all standing or special committees.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assist the President conducting functions of the Chapter, and substitute for the President in the event of his/her absence.

Secretary

1. Maintain a written permanent record of Leadership Committee meetings which shall be reviewed and approved at the next Leadership Committee meeting.
2. Carrying out general correspondence relating to club activities.
3. Providing copies of printed materials dispersed to the public or members to the national NCTA.
4. Custodian of all properties and titles thereof other than the monies of the Chapter.

Treasurer

1. Serve as liaison to the national office of the NCTA in all issues regarding Chapter finances.
2. Forward all Chapter revenues and related documentation to the national office of the NCTA for deposit to the Chapter's account.
3. Review, approve for payment where appropriate, and submit all bills and expenses to the national office of the NCTA for payment.
4. Submit a financial report at each meeting.
5. Prepare an annual financial summary report to be published in the December newsletter each year.

Trail Coordinator

1. Assign and keep track of trail adopters/maintainers
2. Collect and organize maintainer reports and trail needs, and disseminate them
3. Attend meetings with land managers/owners (e.g. DNR timber sales) to represent chapter activities.
4. Keep track of trail mileages and certified mileage

Communications Coordinator

1. Maintain contact with membership regarding renewals, etc.
2. Maintain membership information including volunteer hours
3. Editor of bimonthly chapter newsletter
4. Initiate publicity/recruitment activities

Leadership Committee Members-at-Large (There isn't a formal definition of the following roles and responsibilities)

(Website Maintenance)

1. Keeps the chapter website in good working order
2. Posts news items, the newsletter, etc. to the website

(Petoskey Trail Town Coordinator)

1. Focal point for coordinating with Petoskey government and business
2. Promotes the trail and "Petoskey Trail Town" awareness in the Petoskey area.

NOMINATIONS DUE BY APRIL 24,2014---SLATE OF CANDIDATES APRIL 25,2014 with voting instructions.

NEW JV45 °CHAPTER BROCHURE

...is completed, and printed. You can also view it on our website:

http://northcountrytrail.org/j45/?page_id=57

The two sides are **TRAIL MAP** and **TRAIL INFO GUIDE**

And "Like" us on FACEBOOK—

www.facebook.com/pages/North-Country-Trail-Association-Jordan-Valley-45/129820953759968

Communications Report by Amy Wilks

Willing to lead a hike? Let know and I'll send out the email with time and place.

Willing to become a chapter member? SEE <http://northcountrytrail.org>

Amy Wilks

NOTE: New [Email----ameliawilks1@gmail.com](mailto:ameliawilks1@gmail.com)

"Our vision for the North Country National Scenic Trail is that of the premier footpath of national significance....." NCT