

**'KEWEENAW AREA SILENT SPORTS PARTNERSHIP'  
WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008  
7:30 PM - MTU SDC CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT/REPRESENTING**

Bill Marlor  
Craig Hughes, Keweenaw CVB  
Marc Norton, Great Deer Chase  
Mike Abbott, Michigan Tech  
Jeff Parker  
Lori Hauswirth, Chain Drive  
Mike Young  
Pat Szubeliak

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Lori Hauswirth opened the meeting. It was a small group so no introductions were needed.

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting. No changes noted.

**REPORTS FROM LOCAL TRAIL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**

Lori reported that the Copper Harbor Trails Land Acquisition Project application was in development for the MNRTF grant program. Sam is doing a lot of legwork gathering info for this project and would not be at the meeting for this reason.

Discussion was held regarding the City of Hancock public hearing for land acquisition north of the City. It was noted by Mike Abbott that from his understanding the property being acquired was contiguous to the City and would be held for future development.

**REVIEW OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Considerable discussion was held regarding the proposed mission statement: "A partnership fostering a network of sustainable trails for recreation, health, transportation, economic and environmental stewardship throughout the Keweenaw." A few attendees felt that "economic stewardship" was not the best terminology. Discussion ensued but the mission was not fundamentally altered.

**ORGANIZATION NAME**

Numerous name ideas were offered up for discussion. After voting, "Keweenaw Trails Alliance" was decided on because it promotes unity and strength and allows the group to work with any trail related use.

Mike Abbott will change the email list: [trailpartners-l@mtu.edu](mailto:trailpartners-l@mtu.edu) to reflect our new name: [kta-l@mtu.edu](mailto:kta-l@mtu.edu)

### **GOAL BRAINSTORMING**

A brainstorming session was held to begin tossing out goals for consideration. Goals that were voiced included:

- Provide a means of communication between trail user groups, land owners and managers
- Provide a unified voice representing the common interests of alliance members
- Secure permanent access to existing trails and land for future expansions
- Promote and market trail and trail related activities (brand)
- World domination

### **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm at the SDC Room 237.** to continue with organizational development.

Future meetings of the Keweenaw Trails Alliance will tentatively be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.