

NEWRails Newsletter 2.

May 20 2009. This email is being sent to anyone who identified themselves as supporting the reinstatement of Passenger Rail Services in the fox Valley. If you do not want to receive information from this group just reply with unsubscribe in the subject line.

NEWRails to hold meeting in Appleton.

The citizens group **NEWRails** which promotes **Passenger Rail Service in the Fox Valley**, connecting **Appleton to Green Bay, Milwaukee and Chicago** is to hold a public meeting at **Appleton Public Library 225 N Oneida St at 6.00 p.m. Wednesday 27th May**

Speakers will include group President Paul Linzmeyer, a Fox Valley business Executive. Linzmeyer said in a statement

“Passenger rail will give residents of North East Wisconsin quick affordable access to the largest economic engine of the Midwest – the Chicago- Milwaukee Market.

Business travelers will be able to work on the trains instead of driving, or taking expensive uncomfortable flights. Families will be able to relax taking excursions, whether locally to attractions in downtown Chicago, or from Illinois to visit the EAA in Oshkosh, the PAC in Appleton or the Packers in Green Bay”

www.newrails.org is our new website.

Please check it out. It is a work in progress and will get prettier. Thanks to Matthew Rudnick for getting it up and running. Please sign up at the site as a supporter. This will be used as our mailing list in the future. You signing up your self <http://www.newrails.org/join.php> will save others a lot of work. You may get this newsletter twice for which I apologize in advance.

Over 800 Supporters.

Since our launch meeting over 800 people have signed up as supporters. This is a great response. I thank Cindy Carter, Trish Tucker, Steve Delfosse Judy Laskowski and Bill Weedman Jnr for their help at the Tiletown Train Show.

Report of April 16 Meeting. The Fox Valley Passenger Rail group met at 6.30 p.m. Thursday at Tiletown Dousman Street Green Bay. Approx 30 people present

A Formal Resolution. “To Establish a Citizens Group to Promote the Return of Passenger Rail Service between Milwaukee and Green Bay via Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, and Appleton.” Was agreed without dissent

Election of President. Paul Linzmeyer

Election of Organizing Secretary - Frank Ingram

4 Adoption of Statement of Objectives

To support the most practical and efficient method of restoring passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Green Bay via Appleton connecting with service to Chicago which can be achieved at the earliest time.

To aim for an initial service with a maximum speed of 79mph and thereafter to promote incremental improvements to the service.

To actively campaign for public, State and Federal Government support of such proposals.

To support, whenever practical, the efforts of others to extend passenger rail service in the Midwest with which this service will connect.

After discussion Agreed

Adoption of organizing structure.

Executive Committee consisting President, Organizing Secretary, Convenor of each Working and Local Group.

Working Groups covering **Advocacy, Publicity and Campaigns**, and **Technical** matters. Each working group to include any supporter who volunteers to help, with a Convenor appointed by the General Meeting (Executive to fill any vacancy).

Local Groups. Each supporter will be invited to nearest local group meeting, with a Convenor appointed by the General Meeting (Executive to fill any vacancy). Groups to be established **Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac** and as determined by the Executive.

Terms of Reference for Working Groups

Advocacy. Organizing meeting with Legislators, State and Federal Officials, Cities and Counties, Chambers of Commerce etc.

Publicity and Campaigns. Organizes publicity to the public including website, stalls and printed material.

Technical. Investigates proposals, suggest improvements and challenges objections.

Convenors organize group meetings and activities, minute discussions, report to Executive. Groups may appoint an ad hoc chair for meetings if necessary.

Annual Meeting. An Annual meeting will be held in the spring of each year and no later than 15 months after the previous annual meeting.

After discussion Agreed

Election of Convenors. Technical David Schwengel, Publicity Sam Froelich Advocacy Frank Ingram, Green Bay Trish Tucker, Appleton Charlotte Foth/ Cindy Carter (Note subsequently Charlotte Foth withdrew).

7 The following volunteered to serve on Working Groups

Technical. Steven Solway, John Colwall, Steve Delfosse

Publicity Matthew Rudnick,

Advocacy Trish Tucker Kathy Riley Steve Solway Judy Laskowski Mary Kay Cornelissen

Adoption of Name. Suggestions received so far:- Future 400 Railline; (The) Southern 400 Railline; NEWisconsin Rail; NEW Rail – serving the Fox Valley. NEW Green Bay Rail, Fox Valley Rail. After discussion it was agreed to adopt the name “NEWRail” (subsequently found that the name was already registered as a website so “NEWRails” was registered). During discussion it was noted that the 400 name has a lot of resonance with older Wisconsinites and should be used in literature aimed at them.