

# MN Outdoor Recreation Task Force March Meeting Notes

Date: March 24, 2021

Location: Webex

## Attendance

### Task Force Members:

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, Mary Bauer, JR Burke, Katy Friesz, Aaron Hautala, Breanne Hegg, Joe Henry, Hansi Johnson, Greg Lais, Perry May, Sarah Milligan-Toffler, Mark Norquist, Asha Shoffner, and Steven Voltz

### Agency Staff:

Randolph Briley (DNR), John Edman (Explore Minnesota), Leann Kispert (Explore Minnesota), Andrew Korsberg (DNR), Erika Rivers (DNR), Shannon Lotthammer (DNR), and Sarah Strommen (DNR)

## Meeting Notes

Objectives for this meeting were to:

- Go over final recommendations document and discuss revisions
- Finalize recommendations
- Celebrate accomplishments

### General Comments & Updated Recommendations Document (Synthesis/Small Group)

- Final draft will be posted online
- Appreciation of small group work for updating and putting recommendations into a clear succinct format
- Appears the executive summary recommendations are accurately reflected in body of document

### Finalize Recommendations (All) Fist to Five and Vote Results

- The task force utilized a zero to 5 vote on each of the task force recommendations, on the overall package of recommendations, and then took a yes/no vote on approving the recommendations. The fist to five format included a general guidance for voting where:
  - Oppose: 0- Disagree; 1- Require Discussion; and 2- Desire Discussion
  - Neutral leaning: 3- Meh. I'll Support It
  - Support: 4- Yes. I'll Help; 5- Yay! I'll Lead
- Below are the results of the vote.

*ORTF Members Vote on Finalized Recommendations*

Fist to Five Ranking	1. Create and Fund Minnesota's Office of Outdoor Recreation	2. Increase Participation by Advancing Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity	3. Unite Minnesota's Outdoor Recreation Community	4. Unify Communication, Promotion and Public Awareness	5. Overall document as a product of the ORTF Deliberations
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>

6. Do you approve the Executive Summary and Recommendations Document
<b>Yes – 16</b>
<b>No – 1</b>

*ORTF Member Vote Details*

Task Force Member *(Voted Remotely)	1. (0-5)	2. (0-5)	3. (0-5)	4. (0-5)	5. (0-5)	6. (Yes/No)
Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson*	3	5	4	5	4	Yes
Mary Bauer	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
JR Burke	3	5	5	5	4	Yes
Katy Friesz	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Matt Gruhn*	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Aaron Hautala	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Breanne Hegg	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Joe Henry	4	3	5	4	4	Yes
Hansi Johnson	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Greg Lais	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Perry May	0	3	4	4	4	No
Sarah Milligan-Toffler	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Mark Norquist	4	5	5	5	4	Yes
Stephen Regenold*	3	4	5	5	3	Yes
Mollika Sajady*	5	5	5	5	5	Yes
Asha Shoffner	4	4	4	3	4	Yes
Steven Voltz	5	5	5	5	5	Yes

4 Task force members did not vote.

## Next Steps & Questions

- Government, private section, NPO, stakeholders, etc. all working in cohort together. Success= collaboration amongst all.
- Moving into the next phase, Randolph Briley volunteered to be primary point of contact for the DNR side to keep up collaboration with ORTF.
- DNR next steps are to take recommendations and have internal discussions/share recommendations with other divisions and:
  - Determine how much of a role DNR will have in the ORTF
  - Who will be involved in running the ORTF office; multiple stakeholders involved?
- Independent office:
  - How will an independent office be structured if DNR and Explore MN are not involved?
    - How will office function, government vs. NPO vs. private?
    - *PRIORITY*: Determine what an independent office looks like?
  - Legislature involvement for independent agency to run ORTF?
  - How will office be sustainable to ensure long-term goals of recommendations are met?
- How are established ORTF offices operating and collaborating in other states? Perhaps some of those methods could be applied to MN ORTF office.
- Don't over promise and under deliver.
- How to engage other voices in this ORTF?
- When will re-engagement happen?
- Who is willing to stay engaged?
  - Send follow up email to all members to clarify who is willing to stay engaged in ORTF implementation.
- Schedule meeting with Governor's office to inform them of ORTF recommendations and obtain feedback.
- Explore MN will communicate ORTF recommendations to as large of audience as possible to inform as well as obtain feedback.
- Press release of ORTF finalization is encouraged.