



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Zoom Membership Meeting

March 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Jim Cook.

Attendance: Jim Cook, Janine Albert Evans, Dianne Burroughs, Carmen Scott, David Jensen, Ward Lutz, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, and David Martin

Agenda: It was requested that “Fence” be added to our Old Business. Nancy moved to approve, Carmen 2nd, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements: Last week Carmen asked Ward, Jim, David J., and Jim Spain to help sweep and rake the north trail in the Lippincott Road vicinity where railroad ballast had been scraped onto the trail by someone’s snow plow. Thank-you volunteers!

Reports:

President: none

Secretary: (Jim emailed February’s minutes, along with the March financial report & today’s agenda, on 3-3-21)

No changes to the minutes from 2-4-21 were requested. Ward moved to accept them as written, David J. 2nd, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine informed us that a financial report, consisting of a Balance Sheet and a Profit & Loss by Class will be distributed to all members each month. We have \$45,671 in the Perpetual Operating account, \$29,152 in the Perpetual Northern Extension account, \$88,810 in savings (CDs and at People’s account). Dianne moved to accept the financial report, David J. 2nd, and it passed unanimously.

Website: The board decided to start posting 1-2 years’ worth of our minutes on our website. There may be members/potential members uncomfortable with attending Zoom or in-person meetings who still want to be informed about our activities and involved in some way.

Facebook: none

Membership Committee: Nancy ordered more membership cards and reminded everyone to sign up (if you haven’t already) for Amazon Smiles and Kroger Community Rewards programs with SKP as recipient - in 2020 we earned \$77 from Amazon and \$459 from Kroger. We will link them to our website and post reminders on FB and in email to members.

Maintenance Committee:

- **North Trail:** Carmen reported it looks really good, no damage noted, and all trash is being picked up. But, there are a couple of pie-plate-sized holes.
- **Urbana City:** David J. reported it looks good, but with some branches on the side.
- **South Trail:** Ward reported the Rt. 55 and County Line Road parking lots were almost full yesterday.
- **Depot Area:** Jim reported there is still some snow on the trail but not much trash, as Ken and Darian were doing good in picking it up.

Grant Updates:

- **Recreational Trail Grant:** Jim reported there is still no word on this, and the 2021 application is due at the end of March.
- **Nature Works Grant:** The new grant application is open now (deadline June 1st). It must be sponsored by a government entity. Jim discussed partnering with West Liberty on it.

Action Items:

- **Trail Clean-Up:** Motion was made to hold this on Saturday, April 10th (with a rain date of the 17th) by David J., 2nd by Nancy, and it passed unanimously.
- **Rails to Trails Opening Day:** Saturday, April 24th “Celebrate the Trails”

We need a plan and someone to take the lead on this: advertising it and making some kind of handout to draw people. A motion was made to participate in this event by Dianne, 2nd by Janine, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Safety Flashers and Crack Sealing:** Jim reported we are still getting estimates from the city of Urbana subcontractor and the county for crack sealing. Doug and he are continuing to pursue flashers through counties and ODOT.
- **2021 Simon Kenton Bike Tour:** Sunday, September 12th?
 - New health information since last meeting: more vaccines have been approved and received; Governor has opened up Ohio for more activities, sporting events, etc.
 - We still need a person(s) to step up and chair it!
 - How to make it safe for volunteers and riders: we would need to simplify lots of things; i.e. food trucks vs. volunteer donated food. We could add a virtual option.
 - We must decide on participating or not at April 1st meeting.
 - Jim will send email to members requesting input and volunteers. He will check on the status of the Young's ride on 9/11.

- **Fence Issue:** David J. noticed spots where the chain link fence has holes and is sagging. As this is the city's responsibility, he will take pictures and survey what needs fixing and Jim will push the city to fix it.

New Business:

- **Virtual Road Race:** This walk/run race could be a fundraiser for us later in the year. The idea is to honor Simon Kenton's running of the gauntlet. We could use a tech company to handle all the work for 10% of the profit and any swag. We can discuss it more at the next meeting.
- **Village of West Liberty Update:** WL is planning to develop a park to honor Sherman Ricketts at the triangle of land at the trail head. Features may include benches, bike racks, a 3-way sign board, and signage with directional arrows/symbols to downtown businesses (eventually maybe restroom with running water). The dedication is May 15th.

Open Forum:

- **Corporate Level Membership:** Janine requested information regarding this addition. Ward will check with the CC Historical Society.

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 by Cecilia, 2nd by David J., and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. (Site format TBD)

Submitted by Dianne Burroughs