



## Simon Kenton Pathfinders

### Minutes from Zoom Membership Meeting

February 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Jim Cook.

**Members in attendance:** Jim Cook, Teresa Cook, Dianne Burroughs, Doug Crabill, Ward Lutz, David Jensen, Brian Newman, Janine Albert Evans, Carmen Scott, Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, and Nancy Lokai-Baldwin

**Agenda:** It was requested that “Trail Crossings” be added to Old Business. The Agenda was passed unanimously as corrected.

**Announcements:** Volunteers are doing a great job cleaning up litter and removing debris from the trails.

#### **Reports:**

##### **President:**

Lease renewal update: Jim reported that the sub-lease committee met 10-14 days ago. There is a plan, but there is still much to do, and we must be careful to cross all t’s and dot all i’s. The Depot will pay the same monthly rental rate until an agreement is finalized.

**Secretary:** (Jim emailed January’s minutes along with today’s agenda on Feb. 3)

Janine suggested adding to the Treasurer’s Report the word “expenses” after “program services” and “cash balance” before “\$29,149 North Trail” and “\$90,959 Operating account” for the sake of clarity. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Nancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmen, and passed unanimously.

##### **Treasurer:**

Janine reported our total 2021 income to date is \$6,235 and our total 2021 expenses were \$3,260.45, for a net income of \$2,974.55. The Operating account stands at \$94,337.74, and the Northern Extension account stands at \$29,150.97. 2021 memberships now total 131 (single and family) for a total of \$3,540. The Maintenance Challenge contributed \$11,775 (which includes the \$3000 matching amount), from 92 donors. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ward, and passed unanimously.

**Website:** Doug will update the Maintenance Challenge numbers.

**Facebook:** Jim reported no changes.

**Membership Committee:** Janine sent Excel spreadsheet to Nancy for updating membership.

##### **Maintenance Committee:**

- **North Trail:** Carmen reported it was in really good shape prior to Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> snowfall. Since then, someone ran a snowplow poorly over a portion, snowmobilers are using it, and there are truck tracks in the 8” of snow. Volunteers Rick and Mark are doing a good job picking up debris.
- **Urbana City:** Dave hadn’t checked it since the 31<sup>st</sup>, but no new trees were down.
- **South Trail:** Ward hadn’t checked it since the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Depot Area:** Jim reported that volunteers have picked up 3 bags of trash.

##### **Grant Updates:**

- **Recreational Trail Grant:** Jim reported that no decision has been made yet about the ODNR 2020 grant (for blower).
- **Nature Works Grant:** ODNR announced a new Nature Works grant of \$150,000 (75/25), which must be sponsored by a government entity. The deadline for applying for it is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Champaign County would be capped at \$49,666 and Logan County at \$31,431. It must be used to buy land or to build shelters/info kiosks; it can’t be used for equipment.

**Miami Valley Regional Trails Committee:** Jim reported tremendous work going on:

- A trail from Sidney to Lockington extension towards Piqua
- A trail from Minster-New Breeman-Delphos using the canal towpath (still in the public domain) is still @10 years away.
- The Great Miami River Trail may (?) cross the river at Deeds Park.
- The Dayton History Trail is putting up awesome new signs.
- A trail from Franklin-Middletown-Hamilton through the old Americana Amusement Park is in the works – and they have the money!
- A trail is being considered at the Mad River Gorge Park in Springfield.

**Action Items:** None reported

**Old Business:**

- **Trail Crossings:** Doug reported that ODOT Safety funds for District 7 is limited to rural crossings (probably not in Urbana) in Champaign and Logan County only, and are for signage, paint, etc. Local sources must do the installation. More info to come.

**New Business:** None reported

**Calendar Items to Consider:**

- **Annual Maintenance Committee:** Jim states we need a virtual meeting in March to plan for the year. 12 people were involved last year.
- **Spring Clean-Up Day:** Usually it's held in April, but we could still have one if all wear masks. We can decide next month.
- **Trails Day:** Rails to Trails has suspended April's Opening Day event.
- **Regional Trail User Survey:** Jim said we would help. Volunteers needed at The Depot and County Line Road in August. They might give us ipads for this.
- **2021 Bike Tour? :** We need a volunteer to coordinate this. Jim said some bike groups are holding virtual bike tours, where riders pay the money and get a shirt, trophy, etc. Based on the honor system, riders record their times with a month to get it in. The Bohl family still want to sponsor this event.

**Open Forum:**

- **Trail Counts:** Ward sent this info to Jim by email, and Jim will forward it to the board.
- **Volunteer hours:** Janine asked us to keep track of these hours.
- **Magnetic Door Signs:** Carmen, Brian, Ward, and David have a set.
- **Public Relations:** It was suggested that someone attend the county commissioners' meetings and share our trail count data.

**Adjournment:** The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, and was passed unanimously.

*Submitted by Dianne Burroughs*