



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot Thursday, July 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Jim Cook.

Attendance: Tamisha Matus, Ward Lutz, Teresa Cook, Jim Cook, Mary Mott, Barb Lawson, Cindy Stonerock, David Case, Dorothy Case, Dave Martin, Nick Ward (new member from Bellefontaine), Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, Ken Davis, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, and Dianne Burroughs.

Agenda: David Case made a motion to accept the revised tentative agenda as presented, Ward Lutz seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. Jim apologized to the SKP Board for inadvertently cancelling today's board meeting.
- b. Thank-you to the youth of the Renewed Strength Church for their work cleaning the city trail June 7-10!
- c. West Liberty has painted a mural of a large blue butterfly on one of its' silos, one where visitors can pose as the butterfly's head and body! Future plans are to paint a large tiger (West Liberty-Salem's mascot) on another silo.
- d. Urbana's Downtown Business Association has posted new, updated business signs around town, including at The Depot.

Reports:

President: No report was given by Jim Cook.

Secretary: A change was suggested to correct the spelling of Pete Kenton's name. Carmen Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Dorothy Case seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine Albert Evans made copies of the treasurer's report available at the meeting. From January to June 2021, our total income was \$20,802.19, and our total expense was \$7,740.45. Ward Lutz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Dave Case seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Website: No update was provided.

Facebook: No update was provided.

Membership Committee:

- a. **Healthy Kids Day/YMCA Report:** Dianne reported on a pleasant event on June 5th at Melvin Miller Park. She suggested we sign up early next year so we get included in the running bingo program and that it would be nice if we came up with giveaways or a raffle that might keep more traffic at our table. She and Nancy passed out our membership and MV bike trails brochures.
- b. **WOBA:** Dianne reported there were @120 WOBA (Western Ohio Bicycle Adventure) riders who came to Harmon Park in St. Paris for lunch last month. This number was down quite a bit due to threatening weather all day, but those who attended enjoyed the meal and the homemade pies and cookies. GOBA (Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure) will be returning to SW Ohio next year. She had SKP Bike Tour flyers available to riders.

Maintenance Committee:

- **North Trail:** Carmen reported that two yield signs at the Parker Trutek crossing were removed (signs gone, holes filled). Evidence suggests that a farm tractor did the damage. The sheriff has been notified. (Discussion on the sink hole repairs needed on the north trail was made an Action item.)
- **Urbana City Trail:** Dave reported no issues with the trail, other than the reoccurring problem with graffiti being sprayed on the bridge. (We watched it being painted over during the course of our meeting.)
- **South Trail:** Ward reported that the quarterly trail data was collected today, and it would be several days before a report is prepared. The Case family have volunteered to do the mowing in July. Trash dumping at the Woodburn trail head is still a problem, and the sheriff has been notified. Otherwise, the trail is in good shape.
- **Depot Area:** Jim reported that the french drain is backed up with silt, but that it's an easy fix. The roof leak has been reported to Kerry Brugger, Urbana City Manager, and he said it has been on their work list. Last fall some caulking was done, but it obviously didn't do the job. Jim mentioned that there is a 25-year warranty on this 15-year-old roof.

Action Items:

- a. **Emergency repairs to North Trail sinkholes:** Jim reminded us of the @10+ sinkholes (caused by chipmunks) and resulting erosion on the north trail. Shane Long Concrete was recommended by West Liberty to do this work for us quickly at a labor cost of \$35/hour, heavy equipment cost of \$65/hour, and unknown material cost for fill and asphalt. A motion was made by Carmen to hire Shane Long Concrete to make these north trail repairs with a top limit of \$2500. Cecelia Lokai-Minnich seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously. There is a question about possible trip charges being added. Doug Chivington will be our contact representative with Shane Long.

Old Business:

- a. **Flower pots:** Dianne reported that they are growing well and looking beautiful!
- b. **2021 Simon Kenton Bike Tour – September 12th:**
 1. **Publicity:** Jim shared that the SKP Board met on June 17th to jump start the tour. Preliminary flyers were created and passed out for distribution to local businesses. The main sponsor, Dr. Bohl, has already contributed \$1500. More sponsors are needed before new flyers can be ordered. Sponsor letters were distributed to those willing to mail them or to visit local businesses. Jim will be contacting all our 2019 sponsors, and we should let him know by email or text the possible sponsors we are contacting (to avoid duplication). Our Facebook page has been updated, but no newspapers can be notified until we gather the missing vital data. Tamisha volunteered to send out donor letters electronically to businesses in Marysville and Dublin. She also suggested that we add Strava or Map My Ride for a free on-line map of our event. Doug Chivington may be able to do this for us.
 2. **Food Trucks:** Cecelia reported that Schmidt's Sausage Truck is serving our riders from 11-4:00. Jim informed us that two food trucks did not hurt business at The Depot in the past. Dianne reported that La Granja Mexican Food Truck, a St. Paris business, is also willing to serve. It was suggested that we look into The Flying Pepper Food Truck, a West Liberty business that serves Mexican cuisine, as they offer great vegetable

choices. Dianne will check with both businesses about their offerings and availability.

3. Registration: Our event will have only on-line and walk-in reservations. All About Running charges a one-time \$200 fee for on-line registration, whereas other companies want 10% of our sales. We have an agreement with AAR, but the contract is not yet signed.

4. Routes: We are offering three routes: a 50 km flat ride in our SW area, a 100 km ride that adds a northern hilly 50 km to the flat ride, and a 15-mile ride on our bike trail. We MAY add an additional 30 miles in Logan County to make a true century ride an option.

5. Sag Stops: We will need 3 sag stops this year: one at The Depot, one at Ohio Caverns, and another yet-to-be-determined one (maybe in St. Paris).

c. MVRPC Trail Survey: The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission needs our help with the hands-on portion of this survey. The data needs to be collected in mid-August through mid-September, on a week day and on a weekend day, and at two different sites: The Depot and the Carter Avenue trailhead in Bellefontaine. We will need volunteers for this.

d. Update on Depot Sub Lease: Jim reported that our 5-year lease with the city was signed last December, but that the Depot was given an extension on their sub lease with us. The Depot was given an extension and increase in rent starting July 1 through December of 2021 and the final contract will be completed soon for the remaining 4 years of the lease.

New Business: None

Open Forum: None

Adjournment: Cecelia made a motion to adjourn, Dave Case seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at The Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary (Amended 7-19-21)