



Simon Kenton Pathfinders

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

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Ruth Zerkle, Nancy Lokai Baldwin, Tamisha Matus, Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, Mark Kauffman, Joe Curran, Teresa Cook, Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Doug Crabill, Mary E. Mott, David Jensen, Jeanie Doyle, Don Whittington, Cecelia Lokai Minnich, Janine Albert Evans, Jim Cook, Dianne Burroughs, and West Liberty guests: Jayne Griffith, Jill McKelvey, Beverly Yoder, and Linda S. Vernon.

Agenda: Proposed additions to the announcements were information regarding the Logan-Union-Champaign (LUC) Planning Commission and an update on the Cardinal Trail. Doug made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, Nancy seconded it, and it passed unanimously. The election of officers will be discussed next month. Members who use CTCN had our email called Spam.

Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Dave Jensen!
- Jim distributed some bike tour t-shirts that were ordered to members. A few left over might be for sale afterwards.
- The Furry Scurry Race will be held this Saturday on the trail. It's a fundraiser for the animal shelter on Dialton Road; it's not our event.
- The proposed St. Paris Trail was discussed two weeks ago with the St. Paris Village Council and Mayor Brenda Cook. The idea is for it to someday connect with Graham High School to the east and the Miami County border to the west. The council will do a study to help them secure a grant. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. Miami County is grading and paving a new trail from Piqua going east to Garbry Woods.
- Our West Liberty guests provided an update on plans for Ricketts Park at the West Liberty trailhead. Proposed are a 16x20' shelter house with electric and a water fountain; tree plantings and landscaping; butterfly garden; three or more benches; 1-2 picnic tables; another mural of angel wings, tiger, or eagle; additional signage; and a bike repair station. This 2-year project has been awarded a \$11,500 grant. It will be named the Sherman Ricketts Trailhead and be dedicated June 29, 2022, 60 years from the date that Marshall Ricketts was killed in the line of duty. Carmen made a motion that we spend up to \$1500 from our Northern Extension account to purchase their bike repair station. Dave Case seconded it, and it passed unanimously.
- Doug reported that the LUC will receive \$196,000 in federal funds for both 2022 and 2023 through a block grant (STBG), and 12 cities and counties are applying for some of it in order to make transportation safety improvements. A public comment period is coming up. We will put this info on our Facebook and webpage.
- The Cardinal Trail is the first cross-state trail in Ohio. Tamisha plans to meet with ODOT in order to get Union County connected to it. She would like to see new signs and perhaps pictures of cardinals on the road.

Reports:

President: No report was given by Jim Cook.

Secretary: Dianne reported a mistake in last month's minutes, as "Buckeye Trail" should have been "Cardinal Trail." Carmen Scott noted that his name was missing from the attendance (Sorry!) Nancy Lokai Baldwin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, DAve Case seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine reported our ytd net ordinary income is \$22,792.34, total bike tour fundraiser/ytd total other income is \$17,330, Perpetual Operating account is \$78,633.63, Perpetual Northern Extension account is \$26,378.88, and our Future Maintenance account is \$88,983.57. Dave Jensen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as written, Doug Crabill seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Website: Doug reported that it is up-to-date.

Facebook: No information was shared.

Membership Committee: No information was shared.

Maintenance Committee:

- **North Trail:** Carmen informed us that the boom mowing is completed and Mark Kauffman did the city trimming. Six of the eight worst chipmunk holes on the trail have been repaired, but the original \$2500 allocation has been used up. Doug Crabill made a motion to allocate another \$2500 to finish these repairs, Nancy seconded it, and it passed unanimously.
- **Urbana City Trail:** New graffiti has been found on the upper trail over the bridge.
- **South Trail:** All here looks good. The Cases and Brian Newman would like/need training on our mowing. There is graffiti on the overpass poles and signs, which Nancy volunteered to take care of.
- **Depot Area:** Jim reported that the soffit and under-porch painting will soon be done by Superior Painting and Restoration for the city. We pay Urbana \$2000/year for maintenance work such as this. There are other projects for us on the city's list.
- **Flower Pots:** Mary Mott reported that Kristine Pickering weeds and trims these weekly.

Action Items: No information was given.

New Business: Jim reported that we have another geo-cache request.

Old Business:

- Crack sealing will begin October 12th starting at County Line Road heading north to Dallas Road, with rolling closures to the north. Trail alerts will be posted on Facebook and to every local cycling group. Our county engineers are doing the work. The next phase, after crack sealing, will be seal coating. It has been six years since the last seal coating, which was on the old trail (Co. Line to Park). It will require grant money, with research and bids next year. It is a \$200,000 project, but with a grant, our portion may be @\$40,000.
- Civista employees did a trail clean-up on September 29th, collecting six 55-gallon bags of trash. Pictures were posted on FB and the Urbana Citizen.
- The SKP Bike Tour 2021 had 181 registrations, of which 161 were in person and 20 virtual. 31 registrations were walk-ins. The demographics were 56% male, 76% over age 50, and 11 children. Jim reported our gross income from the bike tour is approximately \$24,950, which doesn't include two pledges still to come in. We had

problems with parking, route markings on the 100K route, and running out of some SAG items. Many positive comments were made and the two food trucks were well-received. Run Sign Up worked great, and it has many tools which we did not use this year that would enhance the tour in the future, particularly a way to keep registrants' personal information private. Jim presented Nancy and Dianne with thank-you gifts in appreciation for their contribution to the tour.

Open Forum:

- Next on our To Do list is tarring and adding #9 stone from north of the city to 296, which the county engineer estimates to cost \$15-16,000.
- The Lynn Geuy Memorial needs to be finished.
- The Sanders and Burroughs families have donated \$5700 so far this year to a memorial to Kris Sanders. We need to brainstorm ideas.
- We are waiting on a grant for a commercial-grade blower for \$10,000. If it falls through, we will need to buy it.
- The Depot's list of needs for the city to fix include tuck pointing of the masonry and sealer on the bottom limestone.
- The Lease Committee needs to meet briefly tonight after we adjourn.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Curran, seconded by Nancy, and it passed unanimously at 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, November 4th @7:00 p.m. at The Depot.** We will need to discuss possible Covid safety procedures for our Fall/Winter meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary.