

Simon Kenton Pathfinders

Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot
Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Jim Cook.

Attendance: Jim Cook; Kent Myers; Ward Lutz; Carmen Scott; Cecelia Lokai-Minnich; Nancy Lokai-Baldwin; Ken Davis; Dave Jensen; Doug Crabill; Teresa Cook; David Martin; Brenda Cook, Mayor of St. Paris (Guest); Joe Curran, Resident of St. Paris (Guest); Janine Albert Evans.

Agenda: Dave Jensen made the motion to accept the agenda as presented and Kent Myers seconded this motion. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Announcements:

a. Jim Cook spoke briefly regarding events being scheduled on the trail by outside groups. He explained that groups are welcome to schedule events on the trail. However, since there is no formal reservation system or contracts required to hold an event on the trail, there are conflicts in scheduling between events. For example, he noted that there are three 5Ks and one bike tour scheduled to use the trail on the same date with none of these events being coordinated among the different organizers. With limited parking at the Depot and logistics of having more than one event going on the trail at the same time, he recommended that outside groups notify SKP of their event as a way to try to avoid scheduling conflicts among event organizers.

Reports:

President: Jim Cook introduced Mayor Brenda Cook of St. Paris and Joe Curran, Resident of St. Paris to share their interest in seeing a bike trail/multi-purpose trail being created in their community. Mayor Cook shared that such a proposed trail could utilize the former rail right-of-way that runs between Urbana and the Miami County Line and through St. Paris. Jim Cook shared that the Miami County Park District has plans to complete the trail that runs eastward from Piqua through Fletcher and eventually to the Champaign County line. A new section of trail between the Champaign County Line could be installed between the Champaign County line and State Route 235 which is a distance of approximately three miles. Mayor Brenda Cook and Joe Curran requested support and for others to participate in their efforts. No action was taken.

Mayor Brenda and Joe Curran also shared that Covenant Lutheran Church in St. Paris was planning a Bike Rodeo to be held at Graham Middle School on Memorial Day from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day. They provided flyers for distribution about the event. At the event, rehabbed bicycles and bike helmets will be distributed.

Secretary: Dave Jensen made the motion to accept the April membership meeting minutes as prepared and Carmen Scott seconded this motion. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine Albert Evans, Treasurer presented the financial report for the organization. As of May 3, 2021, there was \$47,629.16 in the Operating Account, \$29,044.58 in the Northern Extension Account, and \$88,851.70 in the Board Designated Account for Future Maintenance. Furthermore, she reported that the net income year to date for 2021 was \$6,257.35. Ward Lutz made the motion to accept the financial report/Treasurer's report as prepared and Nancy Lokai-Baldwin seconded this motion. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Website: Doug Crabill reported that Tony Crabill was in the process of adding the April membership meeting minutes to the SKP website. He also reported that the domain renewal was setup to auto renew in mid-May.

Facebook: No update provided by Jim Cook.

Membership: No updated provided by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin.

Maintenance Committee:

- **North Trail:** Jim Cook and Carmen Scott reported that the Amish community via horse and buggy were using the trail from State Route 508 into the Village of West Liberty. The Logan County Sheriff's Office and the West Liberty Village Police Department had been notified. Reportedly, mowing of the northern trail was recently completed by Carmen Scott and Doug Chivington.
- **Urbana City:** No update provided by Dave Jensen.
- **South Trail:** Ward Lutz reported that he planned to mow this section of trail the next day with this section of trail having been mowed several times already this season.
- **Depot Area:** Kent Myers reported that the push mower that is stored at the Depot was out of service. Doug Crabill offered to donate a used push mower to replace this mower temporarily. In addition, Doug Crabill reported that he was working with Monument Square District, downtown Urbana organization, on the installation of downtown directory maps within the outside kiosk and indoor display case at the Depot. He also reported that he would like to schedule a landscape maintenance day at the Depot to trim and clean up the shrubbery and landscaping. Jim Cook reported that he was working with Rob Fetz of Fetz Plumbing on the installation of rebuild kits for the outdoor faucets at the Depot. Janine Albert Evans suggested the use of rain barrels to assist with plant watering of the pots around the Depot. Doug Crabill reported that the city was working to repair the damaged fence section at the Depot that was hit by a car earlier in the year.

Grant Update:

- **Grant Application for Trail Blower:** Jim Cook reported that he resubmitted the prior grant application to ODNR for the tow behind trail blower.

Action Items:

- **Crack Sealing:** Doug Crabill reported that the section of trail between County Line Road and Miami Street was last crack sealed and bio sealed back in 2015. He explained that crack sealing is one of the most important asphalt maintenance tasks to keep pavements in good condition. Typically, pavements should be crack sealed every five to eight years. With six years having passed since the last crack seal work was completed and since many of the other trail sections have never been crack sealed within the City of Urbana, the board voted during the board meeting to authorize the Champaign County Engineer's Office to crack seal all of the asphalt sections of the trail within the City of Urbana and south of the City of Urbana at a cost of up to \$16,733.68. This crack sealing work will be completed in the summer of 2021. A vote was taken from the membership in concurrence of the board's action to authorize this work, and the board's action was unanimously supported by the members in attendance.

Old Business:

- **Trail Cleanup Day:** Jim Cook reported that the trail cleanup day was held on April 10th with thirteen volunteers in attendance. In total, about a pickup load of trash was removed from the trail sections within the City of Urbana and south of the City of Urbana. The last cleanup effort took place in the fall of 2020. Jim Cook reported that the northern trail had been cleaned up by volunteers earlier in 2021.
- **Celebrate the Trails Day:** Jim Cook reported that Celebrate the Trails Day as promoted by the Rails to Trails Conservancy was observed at the Urbana Depot on April 24th. Mary Rutan Hospital was present to distribute bike helmets, and there are photos of the event on Facebook.
- **Safety Flashers:** Doug Crabill reported that he was preparing a letter of interest to the Clark County TCC/LUC to request that these planning organizations continue to review the installation of safety flashers (RRFBs) at the following locations: West Hickory Grove Road (Champaign County) and Township Road 200 (Logan County).
- **Flower Pots:** Jim Cook reported that Kristine Pickering, Mary Mott, Janine Albert-Evans, Dorothy Case, Donna Gainer, and Dianne Burroughs have adopted the flower pots near the Depot for 2021, including planting, watering, and maintenance.
- **Village of West Liberty:** Jim Cook reported that West Liberty is planning a dedication of Sherman Ricketts Park on May 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- **2021 Simon Kenton Bike Tour Updates:** Jim Cook reported that the board was looking at the Strawberry Festival in London as a model for a possible way to hold the bike tour on September 12th.

New Business:

None.

Open Forum:

None.

Adjournment: Dave Jensen made a motion to adjourn and Ward Lutz seconded this motion. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Doug Crabill, SKP Vice President for Dianne Burroughs, SKP Secretary.