



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot Thursday, September 2, 2021 @7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Joe Curran, Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Ward Lutz, Ken Davis, Mary Mott, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Dave Jensen, Dave Martin, Tamisha Matus, Doug Crabill, Kristine Pickering, Cindy Stonerock, Pete Kenton, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

Agenda: An addition to the agenda was Joe Curran to speak regarding the proposed bike trail linking Piqua to St. Paris. Dave Case made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, Dave Jensen seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements: Joe Curran announced a meeting for those interested in a bike trail connecting St. Paris and Fletcher will be held on September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paris village building. Miami County has started work on a bike trail connecting the western edge of Piqua with the village of Fletcher, using the abandoned rail bed. Ken Davis informed us that the Preservation Alliance will have the rail tour car open during our bike tour, and he has trained six girl scouts to give tours of it.

Reports:

President: No report was given by Jim Cook.

Secretary: A correction was offered to last month's minutes regarding the spelling of Tamisha Matus's name. Carmen Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Dave Jensen seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine Albert Evans provided handouts of our cash balances and our profit and loss standing as of August 31st. Our Perpetual operating account is at \$74,569.52, the northern extension account is at \$28,877.65, and the maintenance account is at \$88,877.94. Our total income January through August 2021 is \$42,207.49, and our total expenses are \$9,150.47. Jim reminded us that several expenses related to the bike tour – food for the SAG stops, t-shirts, and paint - have not come through yet. Dorothy Case made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Ward Lutz seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Website: No information was shared.

Facebook: Jim reported that social media sites, like our Facebook page, have been valuable in getting information out about our bike tour.

Membership Committee: No update was provided.

Maintenance Committee:

- **North Trail:** The numerous sinkholes are in the process of being repaired. A problem was caused when SR 296 was recently repaved. A 1-3" drop was created where our trail crosses it, and the loose gravel put there, in place of feathering the asphalt, is a danger to bicyclists. Jim reported it to the county and it will be fixed tomorrow morning. Doug Chivington recently made a presentation to the Logan County Commissioners about our/their history with the SK Trail, emphasizing the positive nature of our interactions and the positive impact the trail has on our local economy.
- **Urbana City Trail:** Dave reported there are no problems with the trail.
- **South Trail:** Dave Case and Jim will be marking trees along the trail that need to be cut up. After the bike tour, the wood will be given away. The county will book mow this Tuesday, and we will be mowing and blowing the trail some time mid-week.
- **Depot Area:** The Urbana city manager found another company to fix our roof, after the original roofing firm wouldn't honor their warranty. It seems the chimney was never properly flashed. The city has installed a new wooden corral to surround our dumpster, which will prevent the trash company from

depositing the dumpster in a parking spot. In addition, the city has put up handicapped signs, and new "No Parking" signs will be put west of the dumpster and right by the bike repair station. When Miami Street is paved in @2023, plans are for our entrance to be widened, our parking lot repaved and the lines repainted. The flower pots are still looking good.

Action Items: Civista will be cleaning up trash along the trails on Wednesday, September 22 at Noon. Ward Lutz volunteered to be our liaison with Gary Weaver and the Civista employees.

Old Business:

- Crack sealing will be done the 3rd or 4th week of September, after the tour.
- Our portion of the MVRPG trail count has been done and turned in, but their report won't be available until mid-November. The last study was done five years ago, and it showed that SW Ohio benefited 13.5 million dollars annually from users of the bike trails. Jim estimated that this number show go way up, considering the increased usage of the trails during Covid and the increase in bike trails in the last five years.
- **2021 Simon Kenton Bike Tour (Sunday, September 12):**

Updates: Jim displayed the bike route map and explained that we will have 3 routes: a family-friendly 15-mile route on the trail from the Depot to County Line Road and back; a half-century/50k/31-mile route heading north to Ohio Caverns in Logan County; and a full century/62-mile route that riders (many of whom have asked for this) will find very challenging, as it goes north to Bellefontaine across hilly and beautiful terrain, and it uses Top of Ohio and Buckeye Trail roads. Our new on-line registration has been working very well: Jim receives daily reports of our sign-ups. The Early Bird registrations amount to 118 riders (with 5 more since the price increase), with 14 of them virtual riders from across the country. We have received \$16,510 in donations for the bike tour, and registrations have added \$3175 so far. Future expenses will come from paint, t-shirts, and SAG stop food.

Still needed: We need volunteers to help set-up the night before and to tear down afterwards! When the Depot closes on Saturday at 6:30, we will need to sweep and power wash the patio, Set up tables, chairs, and tents. Nancy asked to borrow coolers, tables, and chairs, as our old tables are too heavy and our coolers have disappeared from the basement where they are stored. A motion was made that we purchase three light-weight folding tables and 12 folding Chairs, estimated to cost @\$500, by Dianne Burroughs, it was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously. Nancy asked that volunteers and contributors see her after the meeting.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Open Forum: No new issues were brought up.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Pete Kenton, seconded by Dave Case, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7th @7:00 p.m. at The Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary.