



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot Thursday, August 5, 2021 @7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by President Jim Cook.

Attendance: Tamisha Matus, Bob Strayer, Bill Schlosser, Warren (Butch) Bible, Evelyn Bible, Dave Martin, Ken Davis, Ward Lutz, Carmen Scott, Doug Crabill, Ben Phillips, Janine Albert Evans, Dave Jensen, Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

Agenda: Jim presented a revised/highlighted agenda at the meeting. As a courtesy to our guest, we moved "Geocache request" up from "New Business" to "Action Items" 6A. Ward Lutz made a motion to accept the revised tentative agenda as corrected, Bob Strayer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements: Jim reported that several board members recently have had personal/family medical issues. With Kent Myers recent move out of the county, we are in need of some volunteers to help with mowing and trail maintenance.

Reports:

President: No report was given by Jim Cook.

Secretary: Dave Jensen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Doug Crabill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Janine Albert Evans provided handouts of our cash balances and profit and loss standing as of July 2021. Our Perpetual operating account is at \$63,844.64, the northern extension account is \$28,876.42, and the maintenance account is \$88,877.94. At this time, we are \$21,000 ahead of what we had budgeted, but our expenses haven't come in yet. Perpetual Bank, where we have three accounts, is merging with Farmer's Merchant Bank at the end of the year. Carmen Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Dave Case seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Website: Doug Crabill reported that our bike tour registration is now linked on our webpage and our updated minutes will be posted there soon.

Facebook: Jim will be "hitting it hard" to encourage bike tour registration. There have been five reports of a dog running loose/chasing riders at Lippincott Station since May.

Membership Committee: Nancy Lokai-Baldwin reported our membership is good.

Maintenance Committee: Ward provided handouts of our trail count data from 2019 through June 2021. Trail usage went up in 2020 from 2019, but so far this year usage is down from 2020 (but not to 2019 levels). This is very useful data when we go to request grants, like from the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

- **North Trail:** Carmen reported that it has been mowed recently, and that Doug Chivington has trained Mark Kauffman on how to mow. The chipmunk/animal damage to the trail (20+ areas) is going to be filled with concrete soon. Logan County has sprayed both sides of the trail. Doug Chivington is going to make a presentation to the Bellefontaine Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. We are still waiting to hear about the Honda grant application for maintenance.

- **Urbana City Trail:** Dave reported there was glass found on the trail and that a downed tree on the trail was cut up that night.
- **South Trail:** Dave and Dorothy Case have hand mowed sections. Brian Newman will do the mowing in August. The county will be doing boom mowing before the bike tour, but we'll need to pick up trash and sweep stones and debris off the trail afterwards.
- **Depot Area:** The roof is still not fixed, and the contractor is not returning calls. The flower pots are looking good, thanks to the Cases' watering.

Action Items:

- Geocache request: Butch Bible explained that geocaches are small containers of many different sizes that could be hidden along the bike trail. Each container is named, described, and given a 16' general location. This "scavenger hunt" activity is very popular! More information (and to sign up) can be found at this free site, Geocaching.com. If we honor this request, SKP will be given publicity and we can advertise it. Nancy Lokai-Baldwin made a motion to allow 10 geocaches along the North trail, Ben Phillips seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Update on crack sealing: Jim stated we will look at this after the bike tour/before Winter.
- Update from St. Paris: (Joe Curran was not present)
- MVRPC Trail Count: Jim reported that our two sites for this survey will be the Depot and at Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine, the two dates will be Saturday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around with each day and each location divided into 4-hour shifts.
- SKP Bike Tour: Jim distributed a handout that updated bike tour activity as of 8/5/21. He ordered another 1000 brochures be printed (for \$200) and reiterated that we still need many volunteers! As of today, we have 25 different sponsors/donors who have contributed @\$10,000! Janine volunteered to check on the electric availability at the Ohio Caverns shelter that we'll need for our SAG stop and for Ebike charging. The tour will be posted on MapMyRide. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.

Open Forum:

- Tomasina wants to get the Cardinal Trail signs in Union County updated.
- Dave Jensen suggests we proactively cut down dead trees along the trails this Fall.

Adjournment: Nancy made a motion to adjourn, Dave Jensen seconded it, and it passed unanimously at 8:25.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. at The Depot

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary

