



## Simon Kenton Pathfinders



### Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot

Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

**Attendance:** Tamisha Matus, Teresa Cook, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Mary E. Mott, Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Dave Martin, Ward Lutz, Jim Cook, Dianne Burroughs, Janine Albert Evans, Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, Carmen Scott, and Doug Crabill.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** Jim Cook proposed we make two additions to Action Items: 6a. Clean Up Day on the Trail, and 6b Celebrate Trails Day. The motion to add these items to the agenda was made by Dave Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

#### **Announcements:**

- a. **St. Paris Trail Updates:** Jim Cook and Doug Crabill attended a recent meeting of this exploratory group in St. Paris where a drone aerial video was shown of possible trail locations. Jim reminded us all, though, that this is not a SKP project.
- b. **West Liberty Trailhead:** No new information was provided.

#### **Reports:**

**President:** Jim Cook asked that we consider finding a dry, safe, central location for the SKP archives/working records, as they are currently being stored in the Depot basement and in several SKP officers' homes.

**Secretary:** Two corrections were requested for last month's minutes regarding the Pat Dodd memorial and a misspelling was pointed out. The motion to accept the January minutes as corrected was made by Carmen Scott, seconded by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Janine Albert Evans shared handouts showing our Bank Account Balances (as of December 31, 2021) and Summary Profit & Loss (January-December 2021). We currently have 130 memberships.

**Website:** Doug Crabill reported it has been updated. A discussion occurred as to whether we should continue posting our financial information on our website (via the minutes) and whether bike trail donors' names and contributions should be posted. No decision on this matter was reached.

**Facebook:** Nothing new was reported.

**Membership Committee:** No new information was shared.

#### **Maintenance:**

- a. **North Trail:** Snowmobiles and ATVs are using all of our trails.
- b. **Urbana City:** It has not been checked.
- c. **South:** Some unknown person has snow plowed from County Line Road to Miami Street. We have never snowplowed our trails, both for monetary reasons and for the risk of damage to the trail or signage along it.
- d. **Depot:** Nothing new to report.

**Trail Counters:** Ward Lutz reported we have two new counters – one that replaces one on Upper Valley Pike, and the other will be a mobile one, useful for special events (or it could be put at the YMCA to monitor current traffic there before a proposed housing development gets built). January 8<sup>th</sup> is the start of the counter on

296, which came from the Depot. We need this data for future grant requests, the city uses it to highlight their economic development, and the LUC, which pays for these counters, uses the information in their reports.

**Action Items:**

- a. **Cleanup Day on the Trail:** This will be held on **Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**, with a make-up date of April 9. Weithman Manufacturing has offered to help with many employees in the cleanup. The motion to participate in this cleanup day on April 2 was made by Doug Crabill, and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Celebrate Trails Day:** Formerly called the Rails to Trails Opening Day, this date is set for 9:00-1:00 on **Saturday, April 23, 2022**. In the past, we have passed out free water, bicycle helmets, and membership brochures. The motion to participate in this event was made by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, was seconded by Dave Case, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Memorial Bench on the North Trail:** \$1050 has been received for a Pat Dodd memorial bench. Janine Albert Evans suggested that we may want to set up a fund for future contributions for memorial benches, trees, etc. The motion to spend \$1050 on the purchase of this bench was made by Carmen Scott, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- a. **2022 Board Approved Budget:** Janine Albert Evans provided this handout, and she explained that the Trail Expenses included equipment, trail repairs, mowing, and tree trimming.

**Old Business:**

- a. **Blower grant update:** No new information is available.
- b. **Seal Coat Project:** Jim Cook is researching grants we might get this year for next years' work. Pat Richards Geuy hasn't yet responded to his request to help write the grant. It was suggested that Jim Snyder might help us with this, too.
- c. **2022 Bike Tour: Sunday, September 11, 2022** - A motion was made to hold our bike tour on September 11<sup>th</sup> was made by Dianne Burroughs, seconded by Carmen Scott, and it passed unanimously. Limited parking was an issue in the past, but Community Health and Wellness Partners' parking lot across the street may be made available to us (permission necessary). We decided that a committee of five could be organized to handle sponsorships/advertising, registration, food (SAG stops and food trucks), routes and maps, event day volunteers. Dianne and Doug volunteered to be on the committee, and Jim will be contacting others for their help. A special bike tour general meeting might be needed before next month's membership meeting.

**Open Forum:** It was proposed that local businesses or volunteer groups might be interested in adopting a trail for monthly cleanup.

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 by Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Depot**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary