



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at the Urbana Depot Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Tamisha Matus, Dorothy Case, Steve Cayot, David Jensen, Joe Curran, Cecelia Lokai Minnich, Janine Albert Evans, Nancy Lokai Baldwin, John Shanley, Carmen Scott, Dave Martin, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: A motion was made by Dorothy Case to amend the agenda by adding an item 4d "John Shanley" and item 5h "Trail Maintenance to do." It was seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. St. Paris Trail Update: The St. Paris Trail committee had a good meeting with the St. Paris Fire Board recently. An easement from a property owner has been received. A bridge over the railroad which could connect up the Graham Middle and Elementary Schools would cost @\$500,000. They may be able to get funding from "Safe Routes to Schools." Their next meeting is October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- b. West Liberty Shelter Update: Steve Cayot reported that the shelter now has picnic tables with two benches at the NE and SE corners. The bike repair station was our only obligation, but we have a donor for an indoor information board (an outdoor board would be very expensive). During construction, loose gravel was put on the handicapped parking spot. We will have to fix this and move the bike rack, because we have a lease with West Liberty for the parking area. The interior wall and landscaping are waiting on an electrician. A mural of Sherman Ricketts has been painted on the inside and an eagle is on the outside. Many groups have contributed to Ricketts Park.
- c. Trail Clean-up: On September 28, eight Edward Jones' employees picked up eight bags of trash from the Depot area to lower and upper 296. The company would like to adopt a section of our trail for cleanup.
- d. John Shanley reported a recent accident he had while riding his trike. He struck a groundhog and flipped his trike. He let us know that his helmet saved his life.

Reports:

- a. **President:** no report was available
- b. **Secretary:** Janine Albert Evans asked that we add to the description of the motion to move our 18-month CD from Farmers and Merchants Bank to our Board-Designated account at People's Savings Bank "for anticipated 2023 maintenance." The motion was made by Steve Cayot, seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Treasurer:** no report was available
- d. **Website:** no report was available

- e. **Facebook:** Tamisha Matus was added as another editor of our FB account. Educational features will be added, such as the importance of wearing helmets and reflective clothing, etc.
- f. **Membership:** One of our big trail volunteers, Jim Spain, had a recent loss.
- g. **Maintenance:**
 1. North Trail: nothing new was reported
 2. South Trail: Watch out for falling walnuts. Three incidents of loitering at County Line Road were reported this summer. The sheriff can't do anything about it as we don't have a "No Loitering" sign.
 3. Urbana City Trails: ATVs are doing damage to the trails by undercutting the surface edges.
 4. Depot Area: nothing new was reported
 - h. **Trail Maintenance to do:** Steve Cayot reported that the North trail by Lowe's is a swampy area that is eroding the trail. Logan County is doing the boom mowing from Carter Avenue to the city boundary in October/November after the leaves all fall. Urbana City may be doing the boom mowing from Miami Street to Edgewood Avenue.

Action Items: Traditionally, SKP has held a carry-in/potluck along with the election of officers on January 1st. A motion was made by Nancy Lokai Baldwin to hold our January meeting with the election of officers on January 5th at 7:00 p.m. It was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Call for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors for 2023: We have four positions open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Board member.
- b. Board updates:
 1. Sale of Ventrac tough cut mower deck: It needs rebuilding, but if anyone has a Steiner or a Ventrac tractor and is interested in it, please see Jim Cook.
 2. Purchase of Buffalo Turbine blower: Three times we failed to get an ODNR grant. Supply Chain issues have made them hard to find. After we received an anonymous \$5000 donation, the board has decided to purchase a blower at a Louisville trade show on October 22. Dave Jensen is graciously allowing us to store it in his garage, and he will install a pin pad with a code for volunteers' use. It isn't legal to operate it on the roads yet, as it doesn't have lights.
 3. Fence over the bridge repair: The first estimate for repairs was \$3400. Dave Jensen volunteered to do the repair, and he estimates the materials will cost \$527.
 4. 2023 membership cards review: We can add QR codes that link directly to our website.

Old Business:

- a. **2022 Bike Tour review:** We will hold a special meeting this month, after Jim collates the surveys. Carmen Scott made a motion to confirm our next bike tour will be on September 10, 2023. It was seconded by Cecelia Lokai Minnich, and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Seal Coating:** The Infrastructure Bill/Act has money available for bike trail maintenance and repair. We need to get estimates, then write a county or state sponsored grant. This would be due in April and then not awarded until much later. The North Trail has never been seal coated, and the South Trail hasn't been done since 2015.

Open Forum: Volunteers were requested to help distribute purchased t-shirts to local buyers.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Dave Jensen, seconded by Nancy Lokai Baldwin, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.at the Depot

Afterwards, the SKP Board resumed its meeting from September 26th.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary