



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at the Urbana Depot Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:04 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions: Welcome to Constance Radenacher, a member from Florida, and her sister, Julie from Virginia!

Attendance: Jim Cook, Teresa Cook, Dave Martin, Ward Lutz, Dorothy Case, Dave Jensen, Carmen Scott, Constance Radenacher and Julie, Curt Smith, Tamisha Matus, Janine Albert Evans, Cecelia Lokai Minnich, Nancy Lokai Baldwin, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: A motion was made by Nancy Lokai Baldwin to amend the agenda by adding an item 4d "Update on Louie Taylor Case" and a new item 5g "Trail Count Update." It was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. St. Paris Trail Update: Jim Cook reported that this group is still looking at how to spend the \$100,000 grant they received for easements, lawyer fees, etc. They have another meeting in mid-December.
- b. West Liberty Shelter Update: Work is still waiting on an electrician.
- c. Annual Newsletter and Membership Card: Melinda Thackery is working already on these annual projects (pro bono, as always). Jim Cook reminded us that Volunteer of the Year candidate names should be given to him in the next two weeks.
- d. Louie Taylor Case: Nancy Lokai Baldwin reported that it was ten years ago that this biker was beaten to death while riding our trails. The suspect, Josiah Matthew, who was a drug-addicted kid looking for money, was found guilty on 7 or the 9 charges and will be sentenced in January. Letters describing the impact of Louie's death are due by December 8. Jim will write one for SKP.

Reports:

- a. **President:** no report was available
- b. **Secretary:** Dianne Burroughs asked for a correction to the name of person making the motion to accept the agenda, changing it from Dorothy Case to Dave Jensen. Also, "book" mowing should be changed to "boom" mowing. The motion was made by Carmen Scott to accept the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Nancy Lokai Baldwin, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Treasurer:** Janine Albert Evans reported that the Depot rent has been paid thru the end of the year, and she shared "Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual" and "Balance Sheet" reports. A motion was made by Dave Jensen to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

Janine (and the SKP Board) made a motion to move "designated 2022 excess profits of \$22,000 for future maintenance and to Board-designated Quasi-Endowment savings account at People's Savings Bank." It passed unanimously.

Janine (and the SKP Board) made a motion to invest \$130,000 at People's Savings Bank into a six-month CD at Citizen's Federal Bank (a SKP contributor) or another bank chosen by the SKP Board. Carmen Scott made a motion to table this action for a board decision in mid-November. It was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.

- d. **Website:** no report was available
- e. **Facebook:** Tamisha Matus is working on adding safety information.
- f. **Membership Committee:** no report was available
- g. **Trail Count Update:** Ward Lutz shared trail data and noted that traffic on the North Main trail has increased, higher now than on County Line trail. The housing development behind Walmart should be built next year, with a bike trail going out to the YMCA. Developers will build the trail and the City of Urbana will maintain it.
- h. **Maintenance Committee:**
 - 1. New blower information: This commercial-grade blower works beautifully! The only issue is it sucks leaves off the trail into a front cage, threatening overheating; a pan may be attached to thwart this. No lights or SMV signs are on it yet.
 - 11. North Trail: no issues were reported
 - 111. Urbana City Trails: no issues were reported
 - 1V. South Trail: The county will be doing boom mowing over the Winter. The Woodburn Road sign needs fixing. Someone is shooting their gun close to the trail. Jim is researching "No Loitering" and "Parking lost closes at Dusk" signs.
 - V. Depot area: no issues were reported
- i. **Other:** Remaining maintenance tasks before Winter: Ward Lutz suggested the need for a yellow line to be painted at the entrance and exit of the tunnel at State Route 55; it's a danger as visibility is an issue.

Action Items:

- a. Reimbursement for travel expenses to pick up the new blower in Louisville: We have no policy on this. Jim Cook and Dave Jensen incurred hotel and gas mileage charges totaling \$437.59. Dave Martin made a motion to reimburse Cook and Jensen for these expenses. It was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Bike Raffle: We have been gifted two bikes that we could raffle off. One is a Tour Easy upright recumbent tandem bike donated in Louie Taylor's name. The other is a brand-new bike – ridden once – a Schwinn Super Sport cross bike. Jim Cook will check the condition of both bikes and repair them as needed. It was suggested that we raffle them on-line, on our Facebook and website pages, with a link to a silent auction site.
- b. Potluck on January 5 Meeting: It was decided we would just bring snacks to this meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Call for volunteers to serve on the SKP Board of Directors for 2023. We have five positions open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member. Carmen Scott reported that we have one candidate for the board position and that Dianne Burroughs is willing to continue as Secretary.
- b. Updates on recent actions:
 1. Sale of our Ventrac tough cut mower: no action was reported
 2. Bridge repair update: Dave Jensen, Ward Lutz, and the Jensen family have repaired the fence over the bridge for @\$600.

Open Forum: no new topics were discussed

Adjournment: The motion adjourn was made at 8:03 p.m. by Cecelia Lokai Minnich, seconded by Dave Martin, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. Please bring snacks to share!**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary