



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at the Urbana Depot

Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Beth McCain, Nolan Conley, Gary Bradshaw, Sharon Hess, Mary Mott, Kristine Pickering, Steve Cayot, Ward Lutz, Patricia Richards, Carmen Scott, Heather King, Cindy Stonerock, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Dave Martin, Dorothy Case, Dave Case, Cecelia Lokai-Minnich, Tamisha Matus, Dave Jensen, Doug Crabill, Teresa Cook, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: A motion was made by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin to add an item 5giii1 "Doug Crabill on the city's highway plans." It was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. Celebrating 25 years 1997-2022: Nancy gave a brief history of the Pathfinder organization. Pat Richards, daughter of founding member Lynn Geuy, added to it.
- b. Volunteers of the Year:
 - Nancy Lokai-Baldwin: Nancy was our founding president, is an inspirational leader, and has been an active member for all of our 25 years.
 - Orbis Corporation: Orbis has been a platinum sponsor of our bike tour for three years, and is our first corporate trail adopter.
 - Janine Albert Evans: Janine has served as our treasurer for three years, and has been a board member, donor, and maintenance worker for many years.
 - Doug Crabill: Doug has served for many years as treasurer, board member, maintenance worker, and our liaison with the city of Urbana.
- c. Champaign County Economic Partnership: Beth McCain explained the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program and introduced leadership trainee, Nolan Conley. Nolan's leadership project is to create a bike rental station at the YMCA's upcoming trailhead. Existing already is a shelter, bathrooms, and a drinking fountain; other ideas include signage, bike lockers, maps, cellphone chargers, and ebike chargers. Tamisha suggested using the county library as the location for the bike rentals, with library cards used to facilitate checkout. Nolan hopes to have the bike rental station in place by the Celebration of the Trails Day on April 22.

Reports:

- a. **President:** Jim Cook distributed membership cards for 2023 and announced that the newsletter is expected to be mailed out in @3 weeks. Jim thanked all board members for their contributions this year past. Highlights of the year are:
 1. SKP was named Logan County's Best Bike Trail for 2022.
 2. Our bike tour netted @\$20,000 (as well as a few large anonymous donations); 178/181 riders; QR codes were added to our registration; RunSignUp made registering and checking in easy.
 3. SKP put in a bike repair station at the West Liberty trailhead.

4. We started an Adopt-a-Trail program for trail cleanup, with Orbis our first corporate sponsor.
 5. We started a Trail Partnership program with adjoining businesses to provide services to bikers; Mad River Farm Market and Brewfontaine will have signs on the north trail announcing their location and services.
- b. **Secretary:** A correction was suggested to the November minutes to the announcement re: Louis Taylor, to show that he was beaten in his home, not on the trail. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Dave Case, seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.
 - c. **Treasurer:** The treasurer's report, including a "Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022" and a "2022 Actual vs. Budget Profit Loss", was emailed to members and available at the meeting. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Nancy, seconded by Doug Crabill, and it passed unanimously.

Doug explained that the board agreed to the treasurer's suggestion last month to move \$130,000 from checking to a 6-month CD at Citizen's Federal.

A motion to accept the treasurer's "Proposed Budget #1" operating budget was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.
 - d. **Website:** Tony Crabill has updated it recently with our monthly meeting minutes.
 - e. **Facebook:** Tamisha is planning to add new facts to our FB page once/twice a month, such as bike safety tips, educational topics, SKP history, etc. It was suggested that we create an Instagram account, which appeals to younger folks, as it could easily link to our FB page.
 - f. **Membership:** No new information was reported.
 - g. **Maintenance Committee:**
 - i. New blower update: The new blower is "fantastic." It now has lights and brackets, making it legal to travel on roads, and its sprayer is remote-controlled. It is being stored in Dave Jensen's shed, which has a pin pad lock, making it available for use by any maintenance worker.
 - ii. North Trail: Logan County is doing the boom mowing today and tomorrow, so the blower will be needed there next week. The new trail partnership signs for Mad River Farm Market and Brewfontaine will be going up next week.
 - iii. Urbana City Trails: Doug shared the city's plans to pave Miami Street next year and North Main Street in 2025. The city received a grant to purchase RFIDs (Radio Frequency Identification) buttons that would make flashing lights at the bike crossings on Miami and North Main Streets. Jim informed us that we should have 181 new parking spaces Available for our use during future bike tours.
 - iv. South Trail: Ward reported that trail count data will be collected this Monday. Champaign County will be doing boom mowing along the trail soon.
 - v. Depot Area: The Urbana Fire Department will be installing an emergency lock system on the doors of the Depot - at no cost to us – which will give them quick access during an emergency.

Action Items: None were reported

New Business:

- a. Raffle/Silent auction: Two bikes have been donated, one worth \$1500. We need a chair to run this raffle and to find other items to raffle off.

Old Business:

- a. Election of 2023 Officers: Carmen Scott and the nominating committee has found two candidates: Tamisha Matus for Dave Jensen's 3-year board seat, and Dianne Burroughs returning as Secretary. Nominations were called for from the floor for Secretary. None being received, a motion to accept Dianne as Secretary was made by Carmen, seconded by Nancy, and it passed unanimously. Nominations were called for from the floor for Board Member. None being received, a motion to accept Tamisha as Board Member was made by Ward, seconded by Carmen, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Report from Treasurer Search Committee: Doug and Carmen have been searching for months for treasurer candidates. Two possible candidates were willing to do part of the job but not all of it. Hiring a CPA was considered. Our bylaws say that the President can sign checks as of January 1. It may be that we will need to create a finance committee to handle the treasurer's duties, which will require us to give a 30 notice to the membership of changes to the bylaws. The final details haven't been worked out yet, but it is hoped to be approved by the board and the membership by April. In the meantime, Doug Crabill (VP) and Jim Cook (P) will stay on until the treasurer issue is resolved and their position replacements have been found.

Open Forum:

- a. Steve Cayot mentioned that he still has the Kris Sanders' bench in his garage. Winter weather will necessitate moving its installation off until Spring.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:37 p.m. by Dave Case, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Next Board meeting was established for Monday, January 16, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. at the Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary