



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot

Thursday, March 2, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance: Ward Lutz, Dorothy Case, Teresa Cook, Pete Kenton, Dave Jensen, Doub Crabill, Jim Cook, Carmen Scott, Dave Martin, Rob Dwyer, Tamisha Matus, Rick Bednarski, Jeff Burroughs, Nolan Conley, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Jim Cook asked that we add “Bike Tour Updates” to the agenda as item 5h. The motion to accept the agenda as corrected was made by Dave Jensen, was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously. It was pointed out later that the date of “February 2” was incorrect.

Announcements:

- a. Board members were asked to stay after adjournment for a few minutes to set up a Board meeting date.
- b. New Trail Partners and Adopt the Trail Partners: Dragonfly Vineyard has asked to be a trail partner (paying for a sign directing bikers to their business), which puts us at three trail partners. A new group has offered to become an Adopt the Trail partner (providing volunteers to pick up trash along a section of the trail). The group is called UBUG, Urbana Biking Uphill Group.
- c. Community Spotlight Grant: Carmen Scott reported that VTech has donated an in-kind gift of \$7,056 for 100-200 ads to run in May on WPTO.

Reports:

- a. **President:** Jim reported that @600 newsletters w/ membership cards were mailed out and many more were distributed throughout businesses in Urbana.
- b. **Secretary:** A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dorothy Case, was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Treasurer:** An unofficial Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Sheet as of February 1, 2023, was available to members. Jim commended Doug Crabill and Janine Albert Evans for continuing the work of the treasurer. Doug has been making bank deposits, and Bill Boy CPA has been coordinating with Janine to get our info on their up-to-date version of QuickBooks. The board will be presenting a candidate tonight to become our new treasurer. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented was made by Jeff Burroughs, was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.
- d. **Website:** Doug Crabill reported that our website has been updated.

- e. **Facebook:** Tamisha Matus reported that our Celebrate Trails Day event has been posted.
- f. **Membership:** No report was given.
- g. **Maintenance:**
 - 1. North Trail: Rick Bednarski reported that there are 12 dead trees along the trail that need removing and that he could use some help. Steve Cayot fixed a hole in the trail north of Mad River. West Liberty Trailhead update: Electrical work at the shelter has been held up but should be completed soon. The Ricketts family are having a mural of an eagle painted on the shelter wall (outside). Our responsibility now is to provide the signage.
 - 2. Urbana City Trails: Dave Jensen has painted over some nasty graffiti on the bridge. A homeless guy is living along the trail just north of the bridge. People on Facebook have been complaining about trash that the wind blew from the Depot's trash bins.
 - 3. South Trail: Ward Lutz reported that he and Dave Jensen used the new blower to blow off the whole trail from County Line Road to Carter Avenue in record time. Because of it, volunteers can maintain the trails in half the time it took previously, saving us half the money we used to spend on gasoline. Jim said the boom mowing to be done by the county is still not done due to a mower part on backorder.
 - 4. Depot Area: Doug Crabill updated us on the Miami Street paving project. The curb and gutter work is out for bidding, with three bids due back next week. The planned completion date is June 30. ODOT plans to have the paving work done this year.
- h. Bike Tour Update: Fresh Harvest of Urbana was chosen by the board recently to be our second food truck. Jim Cook is almost ready to open up registration for the bike tour; it should be done this month.

Action Items: None were reported.

New Business:

- a. Annual Trail Cleanup Day: The date for this event is **Saturday, April 1, from 9-12:00 a.m.**, with a rain date of Saturday, April 8. A motion to accept this date was made by Pete Kenton, was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Update on Board Vacant Positions: Rob Dwyer was introduced as our candidate for treasurer. Rob worked for 30 years as CFO of the Armstrong Group of Companies and is highly recommended. A motion to suspend the bylaws for this election was made by Dave Jensen, was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously. A motion from the Board of Directors was made to appoint Rob Dwyer as treasurer; therefore, a second to the motion was not needed. The motion passed unanimously. Rob Dwyer is thereby appointed to the position of SKP Treasurer with all the duties, signatory permissions and voting privileges of the treasurer as designated in the By-Laws of the organization. He will also become a member of the SKP Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to divide up the previous treasurer's duties. The next step is to find candidates for President and Vice President.

- b. Champaign Co. Economic Partnership: Nolan Conley reported on the progress with creating a trailhead at the YMCA shelter house. The YMCA is purchasing a bike repair station, estimated at @\$2000. We are purchasing the uniform, way-finding signs, estimated at @\$1,200-1,500. The goal is to have both installed by April 22, Celebrate Trails Day. This event starts at 9:00, the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:15, with suggested bike riding to the Depot for lunch. Tamisha Matus will be doing helmet fittings for youths, giving away 25-26 helmets. SKP plans to have a membership booth at the YMCA and at the Depot. Celebrate Trails Day signs will be ready the first week in April.
- c. Three Donated Bicycles: It was decided that the tandem recumbent bike would be raffled off during our Bike Tour in September, and that the Schwinn Super Sport bike (valued new at \$1,000+) would be raffled off at the Celebrate Trails Day next month. The Schwinn bike was donated by the family of Barry Nisonger, and it is in excellent condition.

Open Forum: No topic was discussed.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 p.m. by Pete Kenton, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 6th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.