



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot Thursday, May 4, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:07 p.m.

Attendance: Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, Ward Lutz, Beth McCain, Dorothy Case, Rob Dwyer, Bonnie Manchester, Lloyd Manchester, Tamisha Matus, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Jim Cook, Doug Crabill, Jor Curran, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Jim Cook asked that we add “Card for Don Gainer” to Announcements item 4d. The motion to accept the agenda as corrected was made by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. Cycling Summit in Dayton on Friday, May 19th – This free event is a great opportunity to network with other bike groups and get updates on bike safety and new equipment.
- b. WPKO Radio spots – These radio spots started last Monday and will run for four weeks, with each week a different message. Carmen secured a grant which covers Logan County only
- c. Reminder to Board of May 18 meeting to work on the by-laws.
- d. Don Gainer is home recuperating, and a get-well card was passed around for signatures and well-wishes. Don built the shelter at County Line Road, supplies fuel for the South Trail, and allows us to store equipment in his barn.

Reports:

- a. **President:** No report was available
- b. **Secretary:** A motion to accept the April minutes as presented was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Treasurer:** The finance committee is still working through procedures with Bill Boy CPA, but it’s getting smoother. The “Profit & Loss” and “Balance Sheet” as of April 30 was presented by Rob Dwyer. A motion to accept the finance report as presented was made by Carmen Scott, was seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously. We have a 6-month CD at Citizen’s Federal worth \$130,000 that will mature on June 7th. At the next board meeting on May 18 it will be decided on whether to renew this CD for 6 or 9 months. The long-term financial plans were discussed at the last finance/board meeting with strategic planning for our 30-year goals.
- d. **Website:** No report was available
- e. **Facebook:** Many beautiful photos from our Celebrate Trails Day were posted. Polly Trenor with the Chamber of Commerce took many photos, too.

f. **Membership:** No report was available

g. **Maintenance Committee:**

1. North Trail: Carmen Scott reports that the trail looks good. Noah Tappendorf, an Ohio High Point JVS student and Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project, wants to do some clearing and build a picnic table 100 yards north of State Route 296. It was suggested that we should consider creating a project list for future eagle scout projects.

2. Urbana City Trails: Minor vandalism to the murals happened over the winter; Nikki Sizemore will repair it soon. Extensive damage was done to the wood fence at the top of the hill (that we recently restored). Ward Lutz reported that the metal fence is being mashed down again as kids are trying to get down to some cubbyhole. Ward suggested that we add more posts, but fiberoptic cables run along there, and we'll need to contact OUPS first. Ward cautioned that vandalism is increasing, and we should be aware that our actions can create a negative reaction.

Kristine Pickering is heading up the Flowerbox Committee, and we still have four boxes that need to be adopted.

Update on Miami Street construction: Curb and gutter work has started, and the catch basin and sidewalks will be next. ODOT awarded A&D Asphalt the paving. Plans are for a center turn lane, additional parking spots in our lot, and 3-4 more parking spots on the street.

3. South Trail: The boom mowing has still not been done by the city. Gary Bradshaw, a new volunteer, is learning how to use our mower and will take over mowing in June; the Cases are mowing in July, and Ward did it for May.

4. Depot area: Three companies are going to submit bids for the floor refinishing. Jim doesn't think that we can get this project done when the Depot is forced to be closed during paving.

5. Latest trail count information: Ward Lutz shared the latest data through April 11. One counter, though, showed no traffic due to someone having piled leaves on it. Another counter is coming for near Clark Road on the lower trail.

h. **Bike Tour updates:** "Save the Date" cards and posters were distributed. Jim Cook reported that we have handed out @80 sponsorship letters, and that as of today we've received \$4,000 in sponsorships. Last year we received \$17,000, and we're in pretty good shape. Online registration is Open!

Action Items: No information was presented

New Business:

- a. ODOT public comments for safety flashers in City of Urbana: The city was awarded a grant to add safety flashers at Miami Street and North Main Street and change the striping. Rapid flashing beacons will be placed overhead outside the Depot lot. Public comments are accepted until May 31 at the ODOT site, with construction in 2025. Jim sent us the link with the meeting minutes yesterday and asked that we make a positive comment.
- b. LUC public meetings upcoming re: transportation plans & dates:
Monday, May 8 4-6:00 pm at Logan Co. Commissioner office
Tuesday, May 9 4-6:00 pm at the Champaign County building on South State Route 68.

This was last done in 2015 and it needs updating. LUC transportation plans have been great for the city of Urbana, saving it a lot of money by using federal money.

Old Business:

- a. Reports from Champaign County Economic Partnership with YMCA: Beth McCain reported that it was a successful day on April 22 at the Celebrate Trails Day. On May 18 she will be making her leadership project graduation presentation. The drinking fountain is going back in, the bathrooms will be opening up, and the sign is going up soon. A \$5000 donation from Orbis will be split with the YMCA, and the SKP portion will be credited to the bike trail. The YMCA has decided to adopt the trail maintenance from the Y to Melvin Miller Park. Our thanks to Beth McCain and Nolan Conley for jump starting this project.
- b. West Liberty Trailhead project: A mural of an eagle now covers one whole wall of the shelter, with a spot light to come when the electricity is hooked up (soon). The shelter now has a 20' x 30' UV cover and a security camera. A double-sided bulletin board of ours is going up this summer. Water and a porta pot are now available for the season.

Open Forum:

- a. A Cerebral Palsy Bike Ride fundraiser is on Saturday, July 29. Sign up at PedalwithPete.org.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 pm by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. at The Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Recording Secretary