



## Simon Kenton Pathfinders



### Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:05 p.m.

**Attendance:** Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Rob Dwyer, Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, Joe Curran, Doug Crabill, Ward Lutz, Jim Cook, Jim Spain, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** With no additions or corrections introduced, the motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Ward Luz, seconded by Carmen Scott, and it passed unanimously.

#### **Announcements:**

- a. The Cycling Summit in Dayton on May 26 was very well attended (over 200 attendees). At the session called “How to Work with ODOT”, it was announced that our Rapid Flash Beacon grant was granted to put flashers (7) at every crossing in Champaign County! This is a \$450,000 matching grant, or 10-20% coming from county funds. In 2025 we will be installing RFBs at the Depot and Miami Street crossings. We are their model for safety flashers! The next step for the St. Paris Trail is to approach the county for help. Miami County’s Park officials are another good resource.
- b. We have received 1500 of the new MVRPC maps. Boldman’s is printing our labels to go on them.
- c. Jim Cook announced there will be a SKP Board meeting tonight, after the membership meeting, to discuss floor refinishing.

#### **Reports:**

- a. **President:** We received a \$177.73 donation through PayPal from Bucyrus.
- b. **Vice President:** Doug Crabill reminded us that this position will be vacant as of June 30.
- c. **Secretary:** Jim Cook suggested a correction to last month’s minutes PPre regarding the Maintenance committee’s report about the Depot. It should read, “Jim thinks it might be difficult to get this project (floor refinishing) done when the Depot is forced to close during the parking lot paving, but it’s not impossible.” The motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Dave Case, seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.
- d. **Treasurer:** For review was the “Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison: January through May 2023” and “Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison: As of May 31, 2023.” Rob Dwyer explained that the Donor Advised Grants were at \$12,000 last year, but none for this year. The number of memberships are down for this year, but the membership income is up by \$1100. The motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented was made by Joe Curran, seconded by Carmen

Scott, and it passed unanimously. Carmen was asked to find out if WPKO needs a receipt for their radio ads. Rob reported that there needs to be a change in how we report our financials. Due to our early-in-the-month meeting dates, it is difficult to get the financial info from Bill Boy prepared in time. Therefore, our financial reports will be delayed by a month. Our 6-month CD at Citizen's Federal worth \$130,000 will mature on June 12. At the last SKP Board meeting, it was decided to only renew \$100,000 of it, keeping \$30,000 in the bank.

- e. **Website:** No report was available.
- f. **Facebook:** No report was available.
- g. **Membership:** No report was available.
- h. **Maintenance Committee:**

1. North Trail: Mark Kauffman did the mowing and Rick Bednarski did the trimming around the benches, with weed spraying happening soon. Steve Cayut will repair a hole in the trail on Lippincott Road. The porta pot on Carter Avenue was upset twice in one week. It needs to be anchored down, but this is a Bellefontaine city issue. More vandalism on the North Trail: someone took the wheels off of our purple and yellow bike signs.
2. Urbana City Trails: Catch basin work is happening on the north side of Miami Street. When done, they will start on the south side. Much pavement repair is going on. Orbis employees are maintaining their section of the trail, and the YMCA is maintaining the section from the Y to Melvin Miller Park. The United Methodist Church will do a cleanup of the trail on Sunday, July 30. We are in need of a volunteer to start doing the push mowing and weed eating at the Depot.
3. South Trail: The trail looks very nice. Ward Lutz reported that the ventrac has had two mechanical issues lately. Dave Jensen replaced the starter switch and the clutch, saving us a lot of money and time. This 20-year-old mower will need to be replaced, as it is getting hard to get parts. A new ventrac costs @\$35,000. Dave Case recommended that we use a PGR (plant growth regulator) on the grass, as it will slow the growth. Boom mowing will be done soon. Limb beaver work won't be done until next winter. Spraying with Crossbow for weeks will be happening soon. A bulletin board donated by Billy Kasper will be going in the shelter at County Line Road.
4. Depot area: The flowerpots are looking great. Two bids on the floor refinishing have been received. Jim Cook reported that we would still like to coordinate the refinishing work with the forced closure of the Depot (due to street and parking lot repairs). We will need to give either company one week's notice, and both companies report that it will take one week to do the refinishing and to dry the floor.

i. **Bike Tour updates:** **September 10 tour** (September 9 set-up)

Save the Date cards and posters were distributed. The current level of sponsorships is \$14,400. The deadline for sponsors to get their name in our brochure was May 28. Orbis contributed \$5000 to the YMCA trailhead project, of which we received half and used it to pay for the bike repair station. We need more sponsors. Registration has been open for a month.

**Action Items:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Clark Road/Children's Home Road Bypass: The LUC's Regional Planning Commission just completed a study to connect our city trails without bikers having to ride along a road. Discussions with the city, SKP, and Lynn Geuy's family have occurred. Grants are needed with local matching. Property acquisition is an issue. This is a work in progress. A usage study might be helpful, and a trail counter has been ordered.

**Old Business:**

- a. West Liberty Trailhead update: none
- b. YMCA trailhead update: Bulletin boards and signage have been received. Posts are on order.

**Open Forum:**

- a. Joe Curran informed us that any Eagle Scout project must be permanent. Examples are a garden, bench, tree, etc.

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 p.m. by Dave Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> @7:00 p.m. at The Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Recording Secretary