

**Simon Kenton Pathfinders**  
**Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot**  
**Thursday, July 6, 2023 @7:00 p.m.**

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

**Attendance:** Carmen Scott, David Jensen, Donna Gainer, Dorothy Case, Ward Lutz, John Shanley, Heather King, Pat Richards, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** The motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Dave Jensen, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Trail usage – Ward Lutz does a great job reporting our trail usage based on the date from our trail counters. Jim Cook reported observing and conversing with many cyclists on the trail who are from all over the state, enjoying our brewery and vineyard. Based on this information, we need bike racks downtown and more way-finding signs.

Presentation on the East Lawn/Children’s Home Road project – This project is a tribute to W. Lynn Geuy, who was instrumental in many of our past SKP projects. This is a “share the road” section of our city trail, and it needs to be made safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Four options are still being considered, with a wide range of costs. Off road paths are less expensive than having to widen roads. All of the pertinent governmental agencies are in favor of this improvement – there is a lot of support for this. The Lynn Geuy Designated Fund has @\$1-2,000. The next steps are to hold a public informational meeting and to research funding opportunities by late Summer/Fall.

**Reports:**

**President:** No report was presented.

**Secretary:** A motion was made by Dorothy Case to accept the June 1<sup>st</sup> minutes as presented. It was seconded by Dave Jensen and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** The financial report was presented as the Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison (Jan. - May 2023) and Balance Sheet (as of May 31, 2023). The motion to accept this report was made by Carmen Scott, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously. Jim reiterated that our reports need to be delayed @a month due to our early-in-the-month meeting dates.

**Website:** No report was available.

**Facebook:** No report was available.

**Membership:** No report was available.

**Maintenance Committee:**

1. North Trail: The county is still three weeks away from doing the weed spraying. The boom mowing won’t take place until the Fall. Carmen Scott reported that the Eagle Scouts want to do a project for the trail, maybe clearing brush by the golf course, pouring concrete pads and adding picnic tables. A tree came down last

week, but it has been cleared up; the trail still needs to be blown off. Carmen wants to make a few signs that read "Camera-Monitored Area."

2. Urbana City Trails: Dave Jensen blew it off recently, but it needs it again. There is a black Cherry tree down along the trail near Route 55. The Urbana Methodist Church will be doing their monthly trail cleanup on Sunday, July 30. The Miami Street rebuild is on-schedule. Our parking lot rebuild is scheduled for the week of July 24 and should take @five days. The Depot floor refinishing could take place at the same time, if our contract with the Depot gets signed by then. The SKP Board is getting estimates for pruning shrubs and mowing at the Depot.

3. South Trail: Dave and Dorothy Case will be doing the mowing in July. The boom mowing has been completed. Our Ventrac has broken down four times in the last 2-3 months. Dave Jensen has done the repairs for us after we bought the necessary parts, but we're going to have to do something soon. The SKP Board discussed this problem, thinking we could sell the little blower and trade or buy a new Ventrac by next year.

4. Depot area: Watering the flowerpots shouldn't be a problem during the parking lot rebuild.

**Bike Tour update:** Tour September 10, Setup on September 9

Save-the-Date cards and brochures were distributed. Our current sponsorship contributions are \$15,075, with a \$10,000 anonymous donation. Last year's final sponsorships were \$17,050, but we have more time to receive more. Registrations are only at 28, which should be @50. Last year's total was 181. More PR and emails will be done.

**Action Items:** none

#### **New Business:**

Solar Eclipse planning group: Next April Logan County and the Urbana Chamber of Commerce want to capitalize on this solar eclipse occurrence. They would like SKP to host an event on Monday, April 8. Dave Jensen volunteered to be our representative at their next meeting on July 25.

#### **Old Business:**

Bike Raffle: The Board decided to raffle off the Schwinn Super Sport bicycle that was donated by the Nisonger family. It will be on display at The Depot, and the winning ticket will be drawn at 2:00 on September 10. A motion was made by Dave Jensen to sell the tickets at 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. It was seconded by Donna Gainer, and it passed unanimously. A motion was made by Ward Lutz to order 200 tickets to be printed, or more upon Dianne Burroughs' discretion. It was seconded by Dave Jensen, and it passed unanimously.

#### **Open Forum:**

Jim Cook reminded us that the North trail needs resealing, and that the pavement overlay would cost @\$104,000. Biorestore is a cheaper alternative that is ready to go but is slick and smelly.

**Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made at 8:22 p.m. by Dave Jensen, seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary