

**Simon Kenton Pathfinders**  
**Minutes from Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 6:59 p.m.

**Attendance:** Tamisha Matus, John Shanley, Ward Lutz, Steve Cayot, Dorothy Case, Jason Allison, Kim Allison, Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, Doug Crabill, Gary Bradshaw, Chris Lowe, Rob Dwyer, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** There will be a Board of Directors meeting immediately after tonight's meeting.

**Reports:**

**President:** No report was presented.

**Secretary:** A motion to accept the September 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented was made by Carmen Scott, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** A motion to accept the financial report as of August 31 was made by Doug Crabill, seconded by Gary Bradshaw, and it passed unanimously. It was decided that a meeting is needed between Bill Boy, CPA, Doug Crabill, and Rob Dwyer to re-evaluate how we present our financial information.

**Website:** Our bike tour information will be removed.

**Facebook:** Our bike our information will be removed.

**Membership:** No report was presented.

**Maintenance:**

**North Trail:** Carmen Scott reported that the trail looks good, but walnuts need to be blown off. The county engineer is going to fix damage at the edge of the trail caused by deer crossing. The eagle scout project is on hold, but the young man promises it will be completed. West Liberty Schools asked to paint a mural on the other side of the mural on Township Road 30.

**Urbana City Trails:** Doug Crabill reported that our 25-year lease with the city and the Port Authority was extended. The Miami Street project is almost done (52 manholes are being fixed). Ward Lutz reported that four new trail counters will be arriving next week: one will replace the vandalized one at Bogles Run (north of Hickory Grove), one to replace an old one at West Liberty, one at a new location in Logan County (Township Road 249), and one to be a floater, either at East Lawn or between the YMXCA and the city park.

**South Trail:** The new Ventrac has a strobe light and bright headlights. The first training session has taken place, and another will be held in the Spring. The new Ventrac cost us \$27,770. Jim Cook said the old Ventrac and the blower will be pressure washed, photographed, and put up for sale. We're keeping the old mower deck as its parts were recently replaced and a new one would cost \$6-7,000. It was suggested that walnuts should be blown off by hand or by mower more often.

**Depot area:** Local deer enjoy eating some of our flowers in boxes along the trail, but in general the flowers are still looking good.

**Bike Tour updates:** A preliminary report shows our gross income is \$34,197, with 196 registered riders (28 virtual), and our sponsor income is \$25,575 (\$1000 still to come). Final figures will be available at our November meeting. A bike tour evaluation meeting will be held later this month.

Dianne Burroughs reported that the food trucks expressed satisfaction with the number of customers they served during the bike tour. We redeemed 63 \$5-off coupons from La Granja Mexican, 51 coupons from Fresh Harvest, and 43 coupons from the Depot Coffeehouse, for a total of 157 coupons.

**Action Items:** No information was available.

**New Business:** A revision of our 26-year-old by-laws needs to be done by the end of the year. We must mail to all members the proposed revision, along with the current by-laws, 30 days in advance of voting.

Nominations for officers in 2024 are being accepted. If interested in serving, please contact Jim Cook or any board member. Open positions are for President, Vice President, and a 3-year board member.

**Old Business:** The Schwinn Super Sport bike raffle earned \$503: \$333 in advance sales and \$170 during the bike tour. The donation bucket brought in \$180, some of which may have been intended to support the raffle. Printing the tickets cost \$105 (the only expense). Our profit was \$398. Tom and Ann Nisonger, donors of the bike, attended the raffle drawing and chose the winning ticket. Mary Lorree of Bellefontaine was the winner. West Liberty is waiting to hear if we want to hold a 5K during their Solar Eclipse festivities on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dave Jensen had expressed interest in leading this 5K/bike event. We must decide whether to participate or not at our November meeting. Our RunSignUp account would be useful.

**Open Forum:** It's time to start doing the preliminary work needed for paving/hot mix the trail north of Urbana to Bellefontaine. State money may be available through the All-Ohio Future Fund, a broad fund with \$7 million earmarked for such work.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made at 8:01 p.m. by Doug Crabill, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary