

**Simon Kenton Pathfinders**  
**Minutes of Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Past President Jim Cook at 7:04 p.m.

**Attendance:** Ward Lutz, Jim Cook, Nancy Lokai Baldwin, Teresa Cook, Dorothy Case, Donna Gainer, Gary Bradshaw, Rob Dwyer, Carmen Scott, Dave Martin, Tamisha Matus, Connie Bradshaw, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** Jim Cook asked that we add to Action Items “Approve mowing contract.” Motion to accept the agenda as revised was made by Ward Lutz, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** Jim Cook informed us that after tonight’s meeting there will be a board meeting.

**Reports:**

**Past President:** No report was given.

**Secretary:** A motion was made by Tamisha Matus to accept the minutes from the April 4 membership meeting. It was seconded by Carmen Scott, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:**

CD Renewal: We have a CD at Citizens Federal Savings & Loan in Bellefontaine valued at \$135,940 that matures June 9. Rob Dwyer informed us that it could be renewed for 3 months at 4.9% or for 6 months at 4.87%. A motion to renew the CD for 3 months was made by Tamisha Matus, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: Due to the lack of a quorum at our last monthly meeting, the March and the April balance sheets and profit and loss reports need approval. A motion to accept both the March and April reports as presented was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Gary Bradshaw, and it passed unanimously.

**Website:** Bike Tour 2024 on-line registrations are now open.

**Facebook:** Registrations are now open on Facebook, too.

**Memberships:** Nancy Lokai Baldwin asked that she be given a list of our current members.

**Maintenance:**

North Trail: Carmen Scott reported that the trail looks good, but several holes are developing, and they are being marked. Logan County needs to do the boom mowing from the Depot to Herr Road. Some vandalism noted is the patriotic eagle beak has been broken and rocks are being thrown at the sign.

Urbana City Trails: No problems were reported. The trails will be blown off next week.

South Trail: Dave and Dorothy Case will be doing the mowing tomorrow and Saturday. The Ventrac mower training was last Thursday. The county did the boom mowing from Route 55 to County Line Road and will do it again before the bike tour.

Depot Area: The 25 citations issued by the fire inspector on February 28 were signed off on last week. The city is being more proactive, so this inspection will probably be an annual event. Three pick-up loads of trash were removed from the basement.

**Action Items:**

Approve Mowing Contract: Jim Cook reminded us that the lawn mowing around the Depot is our responsibility and that no volunteers have stepped up to do it. Logan Landscape will do it for \$40 each time (which is 50% off their usual rate). If we usually require 32 mowings a season, this would cost us \$1280 a year. A motion was made by Rob Dwyer to approve hiring Logan Landscaping to mow around the Depot for the remainder of the season at \$40 each mow, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**New Business:** The normal date for our next month's meeting would fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. A motion was made by Dianne Burroughs to change our July meeting date to Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Capital Budget & Strategic Community Investment Funds update: There is no answer yet from the statehouse regarding which organizations will be receiving these funds. Jim Cook will share our legislators' email addresses and asked that we all send positive messages of support for Logan County's request for money to pave the trail from the Urbana Airport to either State Route 296 or all the way to Carter Street. If the grant is awarded, there may be a requirement that we match their contribution.

Celebrate Trails Day: Five or six helmet fittings were done on a cold and windy Saturday in April, and some information was shared. Nicky Sizemore and 20 UHS students collected 6 bags of trash, raked straw off the new grass at the triangle, and planted petunias on the south side of the Depot. Jim Cook sent them thank-you letters.

Bike Tour 2024 - **Sunday, September 8:** Set-up for the tour will be Saturday, September 7. We have received \$13,875 in pledges, and five donation cards didn't declare which fund their \$1300 was to be directed. Mercy Health's donation is in the pipeline, and more money will come. Online registrations are now open. The Chamber of Commerce's 2024 brochure left our tour off of their schedule of events. The 15-mile and 32-mile routes will remain the same as last year, but the 62-mile route is undetermined. We are still waiting on the Logan County Engineer to announce their road repair schedule.

**Open Forum:** No information was shared.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. by Nancy Lokai Baldwin, was seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary