

**Simon Kenton Pathfinders**  
**Minutes from Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot**  
**Tuesday, July 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Past President Jim Cook at 7:02 p.m.

**Attendance:** Gary Bradshaw, Connie Bradshaw, Tamisha Matus, Ward Kutz, Rob Dwyer, Dorothy Case, Dave Case, Lloyd Manchester, Bonnie Manchester, Carmen Scott, Dave Martin, Jim Cook, Brian Newman, Nancy Lokai Baldwin, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Minutes:** With no changes requested, the motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Brian Newman, seconded by Rob Dwyer, and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** none

**Reports:**

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

**Secretary:** With no changes requested, the motion to accept the minutes from June 6, 2024, was made by Brian Newman, seconded by Tamisha, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Rob Dwyer reported that most of our income in May was from bike tour registrations. The \$1250 marked as Unrestricted may be moved to Sponsor Contributions after the donor wishes have been clarified. We're doing well with our operational expenses. A motion to accept the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports (as of May 31, 2024) was made by Ward Lutz, seconded by Nancy Lokai Baldwin, and it passed unanimously.

**Website:** Jim Cook reported that we now have a link on our website to our bike tour registration.

**Facebook:** Tamisha Matus reported that our Facebook page now invites people to our next membership meeting(s).

**Membership:** none

**Maintenance:**

North Trail – Carmen Scott reported that the trail looks good, but some chipmunk holes need concrete filling. The concrete eagle's beak has been repaired. Ward and Carmen visited several local bike/sporting goods stores to promote our bike tour with discussions and brochures. Eight new "No Horses" signs have been posted at the West Liberty trailhead and down to 296.

Urbana City Trails – Urbana police mountain bikes have been seen patrolling the trails. National Trails are responsible for any vandalism or violence occurring on the Clark County portion of the Simon Kenton Trail.

South Trail – Dave and Dorothy Case did the mowing and blowing in June and will in July. Brian Newman will do it in August and September. The Cases found they needed to keep the hood open to cool of the mower after use. They will charge both machines and put them away. Jim Cook stated that an additional battery would be good to have on hand, and he will order another set of mirrors for the mower. Another counter was stolen at College Way. Five years ago, Lewis Tree Service did the trimming along the power lines, and they are due to do it again.

Depot Area – Fetz Plumbing is coming to do the preventative maintenance over restroom problems.

**Action Items:** none

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:**

State Capital Budget & Strategic Community Investment Funds update – We requested \$2.7 million dollars for our project – a pavement overlay and other upgrades to the SKT between the Urbana Airport and Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine - for which we received no funds! Champaign County received \$20,000 for the Aviation Museum improvements, and Logan County received \$6,900,000, mostly for tornado relief @ Indian Lake. Of the \$46,905,815 the state had for allocations, over \$40,000,000 went to just two counties, Cuyahoga and Franklin. (A handout was provided with more information.)

The group that put this request together will hopefully meet soon to discuss and evaluate our efforts, discuss options, and come up with a Plan B. This might entail researching other grants which are out there and trying to do this upgrade locally, section by section, as we did the chip seal.

Bike Tour update – As of today, Jim Cook reported that we are doing well for this time of year, reminding us that registrations will pick up in August. (A handout showing the bike tour stats from 2021 to the present was shared.) All were encouraged to distribute more brochures. Since the Logan County Engineer hasn't replied to requests for planned road work projects, our 62-mile ride may go west to Saint Paris. Jim suggested we may want to keep the same routes in the future.

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

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made at 8:11 p.m. by Dorothy Case, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary