

Simon Kenton Pathfinders
Minutes from Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot
Thursday, April 4, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Tamisha Matus, Ward Lutz, Mark Garber, David Jensen, Dorothy Case, Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, Rob Dwyer, Brian Newman, Doug Crabill, Brenda Cook, Jim Cook, Jeff Burroughs, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Jim Cook asked that we add to the Announcements 4B – Brenda Cook of the Friends of the Pony Wagon Bike Trail (FPWBT). A motion to accept the agenda as corrected was made by Dave Jensen, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- The YMCA is holding a solar eclipse event on April 8, and we'll have our membership brochures there for distribution.
- Brenda Cook of FPWBT gave us an update of their plans to create a designated 2.5-mile multi-use path for bicycling and walking within St. Paris and, ultimately, to connect to vast bicycle paths in Ohio. They have become a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and have received a \$100,000 grant for land acquisition and development. FPWBT will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 27 from 10-4:00 at Harmon Park, 155 S. High Street, St. Paris, with refreshments, raffles, and guided trail explorations at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm. This event is open to the public.

Reports:

President: No report was available

Secretary: A motion to accept the March 7 minutes was made by Ward Lutz, seconded by Brian Newman, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: A motion to accept the February 29 financial report was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Nancy Lokai-Baldwin, and it passed unanimously.

Website: Doug Crabill reported that our website has been updated and renewed for another year.

Facebook: Tamisha Matus reported that our Facebook page now has a section on safety awareness.

Membership: Nancy Lokai-Baldwin passed around a birthday card for Ruth Zerkle, charter member of SKP and former Mayor of Urbana, who will be turning 80. She is currently living at Van Crest.

Maintenance:

- North Trail: Ward collected trail data on Wednesday and will have the report at our May meeting. The trail looks good, but trash pickup is needed from North Main to Clark Road (already done twice).
- Urbana City Trails: Dave Jensen said they look good. Ward noticed a small hole on the trail that the city is responsible for patching. Jim Cook will notify Chad Hall, Public Works Superintendent.

- South Trail: Ward reported that the County Line trail counter is not working, but the other nine counters are working fine. Dorothy and Dave Case will be picking up trash tomorrow. The county will be removing invasive honeysuckle tomorrow. Ward is scheduling a Ventrac retraining for next month.
- Depot Area: Jim updated us on the Fire Marshall report. The Emergency lights inside and outside have new light bulbs. An electrical line by the fireplace was never tied in, but it's now operational. The old wood in the basement has been removed; some will be burned, and some saved by Dave Jensen. An old railroad motor and rail jack was found. Our top shelves and the Depot's top shelves have been cleared as required, but the rest of the shelves need organization. Much stuff is to go to the dumpster. Ward gave the county Preservation Alliance a set of railroad insulators, but the oil cans and other memorabilia are worth selling on Facebook Marketplace. A lockbox for the Urbana Fire Department has been installed and they will be given the keys and a list of names of whom to call after a fire emergency for closing up. The asphalt shingles may be taken by the Clark County hazardous waste center for a small cost. All required work is close to being done. We need to create a preventative maintenance schedule and to post signs reminding people to keep the top shelves empty (within 2' of ceiling).

Action Items: None

New Business:

- a) Capital Budget & Strategic Community Investment Funds update: Our \$2.5 million application has been submitted for Senate review by Brad Bodemiller. A decision should be reached by July 1.
- b) Celebrate Trails Day: Saturday, April 27. Tamisha reported that signs have been made and non-alcoholic beer has been donated (instead of water). No event has been posted on Facebook yet. Jim will talk with Nolan re: brochures.
- c) Spring Clean-up: Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 am starting at the Johnson Mfg parking lot (across the street). If able to help, bring gloves and rakes; trash bags will be provided.
- d) Volunteer Group: Nikki Sizemore and her Urbana High School students will be picking up trash and planting flowers at the south side of the Depot building on the morning of Friday, April 26.

Old Business:

- a) Bike Tour planning for 2024: The date is **Sunday, September 8** with setup at the Depot on **Saturday, September 7**. The Ohio Academy of Pediatrics has donated 72 youth helmets (sized small & medium). Previous in-kind donors are back on board. We have received 15 paid sponsors, with two more in the mail - we're doing well. Online registration is close to being up and running. More Save the Date cards and sponsorship letters were distributed.

Open Forum: Pedal Power picked up trash from the Depot going north and collected a dumpster load.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. by Dave Jensen, was seconded by Tamisha, and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary