

**Simon Kenton Pathfinders**  
**Minutes from Membership Meeting @ Urbana Depot**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Past President Jim Cook at 7:01 p.m.

**Attendance:** Carmen Scott, Matt Edler, Lloyd Manchester, Pete Kenton, Tamisha Matus, Gary Bradshaw, Connie Bradshaw, David Jensen, Ward Lutz, Eliah Smith, Dorothy Case, Jim Cook, Brian Newman, and Dianne Burroughs.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** With the addition of “Pedal with Pete” to the Open Forum, a motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Dave Jensen, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** Jim Cook announced that 373 riders in Marysville got our bike tour brochure in their registration packets.

**Reports:**

**President:** No report was given.

**Secretary:** With the correction of Ward Lutz’s name, a motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Tamisha Matus, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Jim Cook reported that our Citizen’s Federals CD is showing good growth and that we are in a good place financially. Any exception would be that our seal coating of the original trail is past due, and building and plumbing repairs have cost us a lot. A motion to accept the financial statement, including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss handouts, was made by Dorothy Case, seconded by Gary Bradshaw, and it passed unanimously.

**Website:** none

**Facebook:** Tamisha Matus will be posting tour reminders soon, and she plans to ask Nolan Conely if she would set up an Instagram account for us.

**Membership:** none

**Maintenance:**

North Trail – Carmen Scott reported that the whole trail is looking good; however, there is a deep sinkhole the size of a 5-gallon bucket off the trail north of Mad River. The Port Authority and J.J. Schlaegel will be meeting with Jim Cook soon about this repair, pending AT&T’s approval. Mark Kauffman has a sickle bar mower now that will be a good addition to our mowing. After the bike tour, we will be installing a bench in memory of Eric Evans between West Herr Road and Rt 296, and a sign is in the making. Both are courtesy of Janine Evans, wife of Eric and past SKP treasurer.

Urbana City Trails – Dave Jensen mowed and blew off the trail recently and it’s in good shape. However, there are many low hanging branches along the trail that are not being trimmed by the city.

South Trail – Ward Lutz reported having recently blown off the trail from Miami Street to County Line Road with no issues. However, we need to do some mowing scheduling, and the walnuts are starting to drop.

Dorothy Case has charged the blower battery. AES is having the trees on the west side of the trail trimmed.

Depot area – All of the public toilets in the Depot are getting their internal components replaced.

**Action Items:** none

**New Business:**

Trail Counts – Ward Lutz reported that we have 10 counters currently employed, and that one was lost at College Way. The data was collected on July 10 and shows the trails are busier the closer they are to the city. Significant data has been collected over the last 7 years. The County Line Road counter needs replacing. One will be floated between the YMCA and Melvin Miller Park, which has been very busy (mostly due to walkers). Collecting the data takes 10 hours and 100 miles, and anyone wanting to be added to the list should see Ward.

**Old Business:**

Bike Tour update – **Sunday, September 8**

Jim Cook shared a handout showing the bike tour breakdowns from 2021-present and described our current numbers as good. He asked that we share registration data on Facebook and continue to push it. Our 15-mile route is on the trail going south, our 31-mile route is the same as last year, and the 62-mile route, called “Castles to Caverns,” will be going through Logan County. Jim and Dave Jensen will be marking the long route soon. Our two food trucks are La Granja Mexican and Rollin’ Schmoke BBQ. Dorothy Case will be putting together the registration packets.

**Open Forum:** The Pedal with Pete Foundation raised money for cerebral palsy research through a bike ride in Columbus last Saturday. Tamisha Matus participated in it and saw that 300 of our tour flyers were placed in the riders’ packets.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Kenton, seconded by Tamisha Matus, and it passed unanimously at 7:56 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2024, @ 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Depot.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary