

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 1-3-22 Approved
Annual Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022

Call to Order

The Annual Meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:11pm on January 3, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jerry Callahan, David Kolb
Not Present:, Robin Benziger,
Public: Jessie Anderson, William Schneider, Jayne Zinke

Election of Directors

Recognition and appreciation was given to the retiring founding member Jerry Callahan who also served as Treasurer. He was awarded the prized, orange CFET cap and in “an old Navy tradition” described by President Rich, given a founder’s symbolic designation of “Plankholder”.

Thank you, Jerry!

The following slate of directors was proposed:

Deb Shakotko	Boardmember 3 year term
Lee Jamison	Boardmember 3 year term
Bill Schneider	Boardmember 3 year term
Jessie Andersen	Boardmember 2 year term

There were no other nominations from the floor

Deb moved approval of the slate and Dave seconded; approved

President’s Highlights of the Year’s Accomplishments

Ron reported:

The trail sections which CFET maintains were mowed 9 times for a total of 250 volunteer hours.

There was a total of 950 volunteer hours which included clean-ups by Scouts and local Honor Society.

Storage structures were installed in Niverville and Stottville. We conducted and completed our Strategic Plan and built a new Website with a NYS Parks and Trails Grant. Also included in the grant was the reproduction of 16 Historic Interpretive Signs which will debut in the Spring as an Art Exhibit at the Hudson Area Library.

CFET did tabling/ pop-up tent at the weekly Kinderhook Village Farmers Market which enhanced member enrollments and sponsorship.

A successful Oktoberfest was held with TriVillage Rotary and 349 dinners were served.

Treasurer’s Highlights

Deb reported the year started with \$19,314.71 and ended with \$18, 458.36

Grants: Greenway \$7500, NYS Parks and Trails \$5000, Membership \$14,855

Major expenses included purchase of UTV, insurance and storage structures

Action Plan 2022

Await Parks and Trails Grant approval \$8,500 for 8 benches to install on the Trail,

Participate in Farmer’s Market, Build volunteer base, Assess needs; ie bathrooms, other safety issues

Adjourned: Dave moved, Bill seconded Meeting adjourned 6:38pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Jamison