

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 5-1-23
Monthly Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:10 pm on May 1, 2023 by Jake Samascott, Vice-Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich (via phone), Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Jake Samascott, Nolan Robinson, David Kolb,
Not Present: Bill Schneider, Deb Shakotko, Michael Susi,

Review April 3, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Ron had corrections as to the Scout meet up location for Earth Day and the revised time for maintenance training.

Jessie moved and Dave seconded to approve as corrected: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Written Report distributed earlier by Deb thru April 30, 2023

Opening Balance \$34,218.40

Revenue \$100 memberships

Expenses \$148.37

Closing Balance \$34,170.03

Ron moved to approve both month's reports, Nolan seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Membership : 143 to date, Income \$1375

Nolan will send a reminder to members who need to renew.

Kevin Gilrain became a sponsor with a donation of \$500

Member giving increased over last year

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Reviewed and updated plans from last month:

Earth Day Clean-up was set for 4-22-23 @ 9am.

Kinderhook Scouts and Chatham Scouts did a great job clearing brush, filling 2 big trailer load. Thanks to Jake for the dump-trailer! Excellent turnout and a nice social event for both clubs. Picture in the Register Star.

Training for Trail Maintenance for new and returning adult volunteers set for 4-29-23 @ 2-3pm meetup at Samascott's Farm was rained out and rescheduled for May 20. Maintenance volunteers are required to be members.

Jake will be scheduling string-trimming.

Ron has mowed North Chatham, Electric Park Rd, Niverville to Main St Valatie. He will try to get south, weather permitting. Ron reports pole chainsaw has been effective for overhead trimming. He will return 5-15-23

Michael Susi has Emergency Contact Sheet for volunteers.

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Events

Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7-29-23 has been dropped as no suitable venue was available. May reconsider in future.

History Night: Matt Kirstead (interpretive panel designer and historian) is presenting at the East Greenbush Library on 10-22-23 at 2pm. Ron will inquire if he might repeat his lecture later in the evening at Valatie Theater.

Grant Updates

Bench installation planned for summer

Farmer's Market

Jessie reported we will be community vendors on 5-13-23 and 9-16-23 at Hudson Farmer's Market. Lee, Nolan and Jessie will cover the booth on 5-13-23.

Public Comments: Shana Black commented online that there have been dogs unleashed on the trail. She hoped we might add more explicit signage about leashing. She was invited to the Meeting but was unable to attend. We discussed that Greenway wishes to minimize signage and that rules about leashed dogs are on existing signs and internet. We can post reminders on FaceBook page. The Dog Control Officer for the jurisdiction could be called. I conveyed this to Ms Black and invited her to send me a picture of herself and her dog on the trail to illustrate proper trail manners on CFET's FaceBook page.

Adjournment: Dave moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm

Next Meeting

We will meet Monday June 5, 2023 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison