

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 11-1-21 Draft**  
Meeting Minutes **November 1, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:02pm on November 1, 2021 by Jake Samascott, Vice Chair in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**Present**

Robin Benziger, Lee Jamison, Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Jerry Callahan

Not Present: Ron Rich, David Kolb

Public: Gail Babirad, Dylan Cardio

**Review October 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Corrections made:** Callahan is retiring instead of resigning in January.

Corrections made in description of flail mowing agreement with Rensselaer Land Trust to correspond with language in Greenway document.

Deb moved and Robin seconded to approve as corrected: Passed

**Treasurer and Budget Status Reports**

Reports presented by Deb thru October 31, 2021. Reports attached and distributed prior to meeting.

Opening Balance \$20,198.93

Revenue \$5,841.72

Expense \$3,298.79

Closing Balance \$22,741.86

Deb notes 349 Oktoberfest tickets were sold. There are expenses and profits to be paid and shared to the Rotary. Event deemed a success by all. Solasus Website expenses have been paid and NY Park and Trails Grant for this has been closed out.

Lee moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jake seconded, passed.

**Membership Report**

Ron reports 173 members: 71 individuals, 88 families, 14 sponsors

There were 5 new members; 3 individuals, 2 new family memberships. Renewals come due in December

**Board Changes**

There are 2 current vacancies on the Board with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in January.

**New Standing Committees**

**Members are encouraged to volunteer!**

Finance and Development: Deb and Jerry

Stewardship (Maintenance crew, volunteers, training): Jake

PR/Events/Members: Robin, Jessie

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Jake reports that with one last mowing trip there have been 9 mowings done on the trail this season. Due to a wet year, this was more than anticipated. The new tractor and flail mower are expected to arrive in February 2022. Repairs have been made on the trail at Rossman Rd and Colarusso will be making drainage repairs to the south in December. Jake expects to be doing more volunteer crew

training in the Spring. Volunteers have not found trash on the trail to be a problem. There is some blowing from dumpsters behind the shopping areas in Greenport.

### **Oktoberfest**

349 dinner tickets sold, 40 were Vegan. Many thanks to Robin and volunteers!!!

### **Web Development Report**

The Website is up. Jessie has agreed to handle updates. Pay Pal function is on it. Thank you!  
Monthly Meetings will be posted on our Face Book Page

### **Grant Updates**

Ron will be requesting funding for 8 benches from NY Parks and Trails pending agreement from Greenway. Deb moved and Robin seconded that Ron be directed to apply for this grant. Approved.

### **Public Comments**

Dylan Cardio introduced himself as a trail user and he works for Berkshire Farms developing foster family housing. He may explore trail volunteer opportunities for youth in the future.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting, Monday December 6, 2021 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. Masks required.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison