

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET)12-12-22 Draft
Monthly Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:03 pm on December 12, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Lee Jamison, Deb Shakotko, Jessie Anderson, Bill Schneider, Jake Samascott,
Not Present: Robin Benziger, David Kolb,
Public: Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson

Review November 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

No corrections

Bill moved and Deb seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Reports presented by Deb thru November 30, 2022.

Opening Balance \$ 20,141.49

Revenue \$ 57.19

Expense \$1045.46

Closing Balance \$19,152.22 Equipment Reserve Acc't: \$3,750.00 Insurance Reserve:\$3,375.00

Expenses expected from TriVillage Rotary not yet received but expected to be around \$4,000.

\$700 was paid for new Tee shirts; Orange given to "Operating Engineers" Jake, Bill, Ron and Mike with thanks for volunteer mowing hours on the Trail. Vistaprint postcards were printed of vintage scene for thanks to renewing members.

Jessie moved, Jake seconded to approve: Passed.

2023 Budget

Deb discussed increases in the proposed budget to cover electricity for Stottville storage shed. Increase to insurance reserve to \$10,000 to cover the plan's deductible. There was a discussion about maintenance expenses as they are substantially offset by the volunteer time of Ron and Jake.

Budget amended to reflect increase to Insurance Reserve. Lee moved to approve the 2023 Budget as amended, Bill seconded, passed.

Membership Report

Ron reports 1 new member:

85 families

55 individuals

18 sponsors

3 donors Total: 161

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Committee will meet on 12-28-22 at 10am at the Office of Nolan Robinson to discuss 2023 membership processing plus volunteer recruitment, training, scheduling and tracking"

There was a discussion of trail safety related to learning of a collision in the vicinity of Keil's Lane. More details being gathered but Ron talked about trimming to improve lines of sight.

Events

At Kinderhook Candlelight Night, Ron's CFET tent also filled in for ailing member "DJ StuyveSanta" Jared Widjeskog and earning a \$150 donation.

We discussed having a presence once a month at Farmers Market, maybe both Winter and Summer, in Hudson to promote membership. Jake will give Jessie Hudson Farmers Market contact info to facilitate her reaching out.

Grant Updates

No discussion

Newsletter

Ron is working with Anne Schaefer. Contents will include info on ebikes and acknowledgement of donors

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Deb moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:21 pm

Next Meeting

We will meet Monday January 9, 2023 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.** This will also be our Annual Meeting with election of Board Officers. All Members are invited.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison