

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 8-1-22 Draft2
Monthly Meeting Minutes August 1, 2022

Call to Order

The regular April meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:00 pm on 8-1, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison,, Jessie Anderson, Robin Benziger

Not Present: Jake Samascott, Bill Schneider, David Kolb

Public: Jim DiGioia

Review July 11, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

No corrections

Deb moved and Robin seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Reports presented by Deb thru July 31, 2022.

Opening Balance \$20,202.58

Revenue \$ 309

Expense \$1,816.68

Closing Balance \$18,694.90 Equipment Reserve Acc't: \$2,500.00 Insurance Reserve:\$2,250.00

Expenses have included payments UTV loan, Solstice event, shed, concrete

Lee moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jessie seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Ron reports renewing members: 1, new: 2

80 families

50 individuals

18 sponsors

3 donors

total 151

Events

Robin is exploring future venues for Historic Panel displays and History talks at East Greenbush Library and here at KML.

Stuyvesant Falls Hydro Plant event is looking to 2023

Oktoberfest awaits confirmation from TriVillage Rotary partners

Rivenberg Brewery has suggested Valatie Village Street Fest 9-17-22 as a possible collaboration.

The feeling of the group was to keep to Oktoberfest tradition at Samascott's.

8-6-22 Bike Hike on the trail from North Chatham Library to Valatie Library

7-23-22 Lee and Jessie tabled at the Kinderhook Farmers Market

Robin reported the State Troopers apprehended 3 youths in a UTV with stolen signs. Repaired.

Summer Newsletter

Ron will spotlight volunteer Greg Berninger. Coming soon.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Ron reported for the absent Jake. 4th Mowing has been completed. The flail mower needs repair and we await a part. There are people who expressed interest in Trail Maintenance, trained, but haven't shown up on work days yet. We will explore contacting nonparticipating trainees using Jake's email list.

Grant Updates

Ron awaits check for approved funding for 8 benches from Parks and Trails NY.

Swag

Tee shirt inventory is low. Deb will contact Amy Bennett to reorder and explore options for new colors and shirt styles for women. Lee and Jessie will confer on choices.

Public Comments: A trail fan from Greenport alerted (at the Kinderhook Farmers Market) us about a pedestrian crossing on Fairview Ave in Hudson that was not repainted after DOT repaved Rt9. Ron followed up with Andy Beers and it is to be repainted.

Adjournment: Lee moved, Deb seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:51 pm

Next Meeting

Due to Labor Day holiday, we will meet Monday September 12, 2022 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.** Deb will be away.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison