

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 9-12--22 Draft  
Monthly Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022**

**Call to Order**

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

**Present**

Ron Rich, Lee Jamison, Jake Samascott, Robin Benziger, David Kolb

Not Present: Deb Shakotko, Bill Schneider, Jessie Anderson

Public: Jim DiGioia, Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson

As there were several new members from the public present, Ron made introductions. Dave Kolb elaborated on the situation where some youngsters were apprehended taking signs from the Trail. State Troopers handled the situation as they have jurisdiction because the Empire Trail is a State Park. They declined to prosecute these minors. Restitution of signs was done.

**Review August 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

No corrections

Robin moved and Dave seconded to approve: Passed

**Treasurer and Budget Status Reports**

Reports presented by Ron for the absent Deb thru August 31, 2022.

Opening Balance \$18,694.90

Revenue \$ 238

Expense \$942.76

Closing Balance \$17,990.14 Equipment Reserve Acc't: \$2,500.00 Insurance Reserve:\$2,250.00

Expenses have included payments UTV loan, Electric bill at Niverville shed

Deb noted the following in her written report:

"While there was not extraordinary financial activity in August, I note the following for September:

We will receive about \$6000 from our Greenway grant.

We should receive 50% of the PTNY grant and will need to order the benches and provide a downpayment, if any.

We paid our final liability insurance payment for the year on Sep 1 - \$1559.

We will pay for our new tshirt order - \$654."

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

**Membership Report**

Ron reports renewing members: 0, new: 4 individuals, 3 families

83 families

54 individuals

18 sponsors

3 donors Total: 158

### **Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Jake reports the crew is working on the 6<sup>th</sup> mowing. Hydraulic system on the tractor is being repaired under warrantee. Ron gave some history on the mowing obligations for new members of public present. The volunteer's labor is factored as our in-kind contributions at \$34/hour

### **Events**

Oktoberfest 10-22-22

Flyers and tickets are out now! German meal drive through at Samascott's. Thanks to Anne Shaeffer for her graphics.

### **Grant Updates**

Ron received the first half of the amount (\$4,300 ) for approved funding for 8 benches from Parks and Trails NY on September 3rd. We have enough for another bench. 9 benches ordered and will take 8-12 weeks to arrive. We have a year to install. Full grant will be \$8,600.

### **Swag**

New tee shirts arrived.

**Public Comments:** Ron talked about some event ideas we have for next year

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 6:51 pm

### **Next Meeting**

We will meet Monday October 3, 2022 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.** Lee will be away. (Reminder: someone will need to unlock)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison