

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 11-4-2024
Meeting Minutes November 4, 2024**

Monthly Meeting November 4, 2024

Present:

Jake Samascott, Bill Schneider, Lee Jamison, Deb Shakotko, Kevin Gilrain, David Kolb
via Zoom: Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson, Jessie Anderson,
Public: Jim DiGioia, Ron Rich

Call to Order

The November Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:00 pm on November 4, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

Deb moved to approve and Dave seconded; Passed

Treasurer's Report

Deb provided the treasurer's report through 10-31-24.

Opening Balance \$23,301.20

Revenue \$5,142.74 Oktoberfest income, CD interest, \$400 donation from Kinderhook Runners Club

Expenses \$6,530.74 Storage container purchase, Truck payments, gasoline,

We will be owing the Rotary for their Oktoberfest expenses

Closing Balance: Checking: \$21,808.46

CD: \$30,320.05

Bill moved to approve and Kevin seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reports no news. We have 139 paid members.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin shared the year-to-date report on mowing and trimming deployments and volunteer hours.

Final mow was last week. Volunteer, Jared Widjesgog, has rejoined the crew.

Ron Rich reported United Ag&Turf is installing the sickle bar and he is negotiating some repairs on the tractor's hydraulics.

Crew Appreciation Event: Will be held at Old Klaverack Brewery Saturday 11-23-24 3-5pm

Farmers Markets

Finished for the season

Oktoberfest About 220 dinners were served

Grant Updates

no report

Other Business:

Stuyvesant Falls Storage Container

Jake and Ron leveled the container

Ron asked for funds to purchase and inset plaques for the 9 benches on the Trail identifying them for CFET. \$200 each. Deb moved, Dave seconded: Approved

Public Comments:

A resident offered to make a donation to help eradicate Knotweed along the Kinderhook Creek. It was explained that the Greenway and NY State forbids use of herbicides. We will continue to mow as recommended.

Jim DiGioia was complimentary of the meals.

Adjournment of Monthly Meeting: Deb moved, Bill seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:49 pm

Next Meeting Monday December 2, 2024 @ 6pm

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Jamison