

**Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
**Electronic meeting**  
**&**  
**March 4 through 5 electronic vote**

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, and Char Conger.

Minutes for the February 10, 2021 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Char Conger, to approve the minutes with a change to paragraph 5, deleting the second sentence and changing the following sentence to read "The quoted policy provides business liability coverage and coverage for special events within the minimum premium." all aye, motion carried.

The treasurer's report having been distributed earlier showed a balance as of February 28, 2021 of \$10,416.08. Caroline noted that she had filed the 990N with the IRS for 2020 as well as the yearly renewal with MN Secretary of State. An additional filing with the Attorney General would become necessary if receipts exceed \$25,000 per year.

Steve Lotz has scheduled a walk on the east portion with Sarah Ciochetto, Senior Civil Designer of JPI on March 18 at 1 pm, meeting in the Y Store parking lot. Note that others are welcome.

Char continues to work on the social media board member recruitment project.

Insurance – Carol reported that State Farm had received payment from the Friends for coverage.

Carol is working on language to update the JPB bylaws reference of the working group to reflect the change to the Friends of the LVT.

Brochures – the current version of the LVT brochure is JPB based. Discussion considered continuing to use the existing version or creating Friends version and if creating a new version would it be more workable as a download-friendly form or a printed version. A business card version with little more than the logo and contact information was also brought up. It was noted that the JPB business card had been well received when we had a presence at festivals.

Char reported on the Network-for-Good platform for fund raising with a donation page, peer-to-peer page, event page, built-in mail chimp system, and a report generator for the Treasurer. There is a performance guarantee that one will raise at least enough money to cover the yearly fee. Char will try to set up a tutorial for the April 14 meeting.

Char noted that the Trail web page now has a Friends tab.

Carol reported that the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has recommended a Phase 1A literature review and archeological assessment be completed for the project area. Carol checked with JPJ, which does not do archaeological studies or literature review but which recommended Sue Molholland of Duluth Archaeological Center who quoted a cost of \$1,167.04 for the review. As the SHPO review is being done under the JPB this may be better pursued by the JPB.

Char noted that Rob Ecklund is having a virtual listening session on March 30 at 6 pm.

State Farm Quotes for Good raised a total of \$1,300.

It was noted that various grant application deadlines are fast approaching.

Next meeting is set for April 14 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, motion by Caroline, second by Char, to adjourn, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Electronic vote - on March 3 Char Conger asked if she should post the volunteer board application on Facebook. On March 4 motion by Carol Booth to have the board application posted on Facebook, second by Caroline Owens. The Chair called the question with Caroline, Nancy Salminen, Bill Parker, & Josh Gillson voting aye on March 4 and Carol & Char voting aye on March 5, no nays, motion carried.

Steven Lotz, secretary