

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Electronic meeting

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

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

Public present: Carol Beveroth.

Minutes for the March 10, 2021 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Bill Parker, to approve the minutes as distributed, all aye, motion carried.

The treasurer's report having been distributed earlier showed a balance as of March 31, 2021 of \$11,716.08. Caroline Owens noted that three additional donations had been received. Motion by Carol, second by Char, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, all aye, motion carried.

Char reported that Ashley Westbrook of Network-for-Good had a conflict that prevented her attendance. The power point offered had a difficult audio. Char provided a brief recap. Bill will check on other platforms that provide similar services.

Carol reported that Cook's Timber Days would be going forward this year, running from June 11 through 13 and she offered to get the site set up. Char offered to organize staffing.

Carol provided an update on the JPJ EAW project. A phase 1A archaeological literature/background review is required. Sarah Ciochetto of JPJ recommended Susan Mulholland of the Duluth Archaeology Center and Carol has been in contact. The cost would be approximately \$1,200 and it was felt that the JPB should enter into the agreement. Carol has also been in contact with Robert Merila, a wetland delineator with Aquatic EcoSolution of Nevis, MN. He has provided an estimate of approximately \$4,000 to delineate wetlands in the Tower-to-Y route. Again it was felt that the JPB should enter into the agreement. Carol, Tim Johnson, and Steve Lotz walked the Y-to-West Two Road portion on Monday, April 12. Additional flagging will be required to guide the wetland delineation.

Char has posted the board member recruitment project on social media.

Char will be working with the LVRA on a T-shirt project as she can create the time.

Carol has worked with Ron Bushbaum on some tentative route flagging for the Head-of-the-Lake segment.

Char reported that funding may be available through Scenic Rivers Health and that she has contact information.

Caroline raised the question of how the Friends fit in the raising money/spending money circle. Discussion points included; yes, the Friends raised money to give to the JPB, also that the Friends can raise money to do things on their own to advance the Trail (one example being the present EAW work). The discussion ran over into the Executive Director position – would that position be hired by/working for the JPB or the Friends, as yet undecided. How did this work with the Mesabi Trail and Club Mesabi?

Char has done some preliminary work on a downloadable brochure.

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

Fundraising notes:

The P&TC has invited the Friends to co-sponsor a scavenger hunt at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

GiveMN.org is a fundraising umbrella for non-profits. They host the Give to the Max Day but also “provide a giving website available year-round to link people with nonprofits and schools and make giving soar.”

Next meeting is set for May 12 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, motion by Carol, second by Caroline, to adjourn, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary