

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Electronic meeting

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

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Secretary Steve Lotz, Bill Parker, Char Conger, & Nancy Salminen (at 3:30).

Minutes for the May 12, 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 was not available.

2021 projects & fund raising:

Events – Timber Days, June 11 – 13, at Cook. Char Conger can staff a couple hours each day. Carol will bring the water bottles and banner. Tim Johnson will provide his tent and a PDF map. Char will set things up on Friday. Carol will contact several others and will be available Saturday afternoon.

P&TC scavenger hunt at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park – Piragis has donated a \$25 gift certificate and Char contributed as \$10 Facebook boost.

On-line brochure – Char has put together a very rough draft but was undecided as to how to proceed. Several offered to critique what she had.

State Farm application – Char was prepared and was able to log in within the 2000 application cutoff to apply, which is step one.

T-shirts – Char has been working with The T-shirt Factory, looking at one-sided and two-side options and will have more information forthcoming.

Network-for-good – Bill reported that it was a very complete platform at \$1,200 per year. He felt there were a number of less expensive options that would serve our more limited needs for the time being. Char felt that we were at a point of needing something and that Mail Chimp had a newsletter template that would be useful. There is a free version with limits of a contact list of 2,000 and 10,000 sends per month. Other plans with more features start with 500 contacts at \$9.99 per month. They advertise a non-profit/charity discount. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Steve Lotz, to sign up for the free version, no further discussion, all ayes, motion carried.

Carol provided an update on the JPJ EAW project. She has contacted Lake Country Power, MN DOT, City of Tower, and SLC Public Works to let them know there is a flagged route. Preliminary archeological review and wetlands reports are expected in early July and a vegetation review may also be available. She has also spoken with Joel Astleford of Bois Forte. He indicated that he hoped to walk the flagged portion on the Bois Forte property before bring it before the Tribal Council.

2022 Legacy application – it was noted that Nancy Larson had indicated that if her first application was unsuccessful she would reapply at no additional charge.

Carol reported that Katie Haufman, her fund raiser contact was no longer at the Cook Hospital.

Local grant ideas - Carol is reviewing the timeline for another Minnesota Power Operation Round-Up grant.

It was noted that our Natural Harvest Food Co-op Round-up fund raiser will be held in August.

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

There being no further business, motion by Carol, second by Bill, to adjourn, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary