

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

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens (3:11), Secretary Steve Lotz, Char Conger, & Nancy Salminen.

Also present: Tim Johnson of State Farm Insurance

Minutes for the October 13, 2021 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Nancy Salminen, to approve the minutes as distributed, all aye, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for October showed a balance of \$17,137.92. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Char Conger, to approve the Treasurer's report, all aye, motion carried. Carol noted that approximately \$4,000 of that amount will cover EAW presently under way.

Insurance – Tim Johnson gave a brief explanation of the State Farm Proposal for Not-For-Profit Organizational Liability coverage. He explained "retention" was a deductible and that defense costs were outside the limits of liability. He noted that updated financial information was needed from the Friends and from the JPB. Tim left the meeting at 3:23. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Char Conger, to select option 5 (250,000 limit with 1,000 deductible) at \$944 annual premium, all aye, motion carried. Caroline will provide updated numbers for the application and the effective date will be once submitted.

Carol raised the issue of an annual audit. Nancy Salminen and Steve Lotz offered to audit the Treasurer's books. This will be done after the end of the year.

Mail Chimp account – Char has uploaded the contacts she received from Bill Parker and will add those from Carol and from the LVRA list. She will send out an email blast to the list with the option to stay on the list or be removed. This will be done prior to the upcoming Give-to-the-Max Day.

Bonding bill – Char is working with the P&TC and gathering information to approach getting segment seven included in the 2022 bonding bill.

Carol had spoken with Bob Manzoline of the Mesabi Trail about trail maintenance and he indicated that an annual bridge inspection could be as much as \$4,000. He did suggest that Mesabi Trail might be willing to contract to do maintenance for the LVT.

Char is looking at a membership platform that might generate a steady stream of income. She reported that Give-to-the-Max is set up.

Char has spoken with Mark Bakk of Lake Country Power. There is a possible partnership once we have a shovel ready project. Essentia Health sounded supportive but wondered when something would happen.

Carol reported that the TTF again has year-end money. She suggested applying for trail head signage. Char felt that design of trail head signage would generate interest as a social media challenge.

Motion by Carol Booth, second by Char Conger to renew the P&TC membership when it comes due, all aye, carried.

Carol requested that members get their volunteer hours to her soon to compile a year-end total.

East segment EAW – Steve reported that the Phase 1 archaeological survey field work was done on November 5. He met with Sue Mulholland and her tech of Duluth Archeology Center and Jaylen Strong of Bois Forte at the Y Store lot and they surveyed the route east to Tower. Jaylen left for a prior commitment once they got out to the West Two Road. Steve pointed out three spots; a test pit and two sites several hundred feet apart, one with stove parts and pots and pans and the other where the soil had been rearranged as a possible shelter. A fourth location was found, a spot with broken glass consisting of at least one bottle. All of these were on State tax forfeit land between the Y and the West Two Road. At a fifth location, between the West Two Road and Tower, an isolated quartz chip led to the discovery of several quartz outcrops. Carol covered meeting with John of JPJ and Eric of SLC Public Works on October 21. The County seems quite flexible in accommodating the trail on the West Two Road.

Next meeting is set for December 8 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, motion by Carol, second by Char, to adjourn, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary