

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Electronic meeting

After resolving technical problems the meeting was called to order at 3:19 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, & Communications Director Bill Parker.

Minutes for the December 8, 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 for December showed a balance of \$17,971.92. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Bill Parker, to approve the Treasurer's report, all aye, motion carried.

Insurance – it was determined that the Directors & Officers liability insurance will be billed in four payments of \$236.00. The General Liability policy renewal will need to be renewed in February. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Bill Parker, to approve payment of the renewal invoice upon receipt, all aye, motion carried.

Audit of the Treasurer's books – Nancy Salminen and Steve Lotz have volunteered to review the Treasurer's books following the format used last year for the JPB audit, which consisted of reviewing the Treasurer's report for the year, beginning and ending statements, and invoices for expenditures.

Carol again requested that volunteer hours be submitted to her or to the Goggle Drive as the information is needed to respond to a P&TC questionnaire.

Carol & Steve have spoken with Amy Marrier of MN DNR Lands & Minerals about DNR concerns regarding the proposed trail route to the north of the Tower DNR buildings. Amy is to set up a meeting of DNR stakeholders with Carol & Steve to address these concerns. No date has been set. Because of the possibility of a route change it is decided that it would be premature to hold meetings soliciting public input on the trail route.

Updates

Nancy will be the Friends contact on the wetlands review.

Phase 1 archaeology review – a draft report is expected soon.

Property owner contact list – Bill has been working on a contact list for land owners within one-quarter mile of the proposed trail route.

Cost estimates – the question to be answered is “what are we fund raising for?”

Bonding bill – on December 13 Carol, Char, & Steve Zoomed with Ashley Petel (Pethan) & Brett Feldman of the P&TC. The consensus of the call is that there is a great deal of work to do before we would be ready to pursue bonding bill funding.

Earthfest – at the present time they are planning to hold an Earthfest April 23.

There is no word yet on the LVT JPB application to the IRRR for grant writing funds.

The trail-head signage grant application to the TTF has been turned down.

Natural Harvest roundup program – Bill will be applying annually.

Next meeting is set for February 9 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary