

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Electronic meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Vice-chair Char Conger, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, & Bill Parker.

Minutes for the February 24, March 9, & March 16, 2022 meetings having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Char Conger, to approve the minutes with two typo corrections, first on 3-9, the IRRR paragraph replace “by” with “but”, all aye & second on 3-16, the last paragraph “yest” should be “yes,” motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report for March showed a balance of \$17,662.19. Motion by Carol, second by Char Conger, to approve the Treasurer’s report, all aye, motion carried. Caroline noted that we had been charged a fee of \$10 for a returned bank statement and she will ask FB&T to waive the charge.

Addition to the agenda – P&TC scavenger hunt.

Char noted that she would be moving the file cabinet from the USFS office space to the hanger on the 22nd, prior to Earth Fest. Carol thought she would be able to help.

What are we raising money for – Carol’s list included 1) easements/leases, 2) grant writing, 3) matching dollars for trail development, 4) a JPB Executive Director.

There was brief discussion of the current accuracy of the fact sheet. Steve noted that the route shown on the map is no longer correct on the east end due to the DNR re-route.

Carol noted that our 2020 Lake Country Power Operation Round Up grant was dragging out and a summary completion letter had not yet been sent to LCP. She thought it best that we not apply again until that is finished. Carol had worked with Beth Pierce of the Trails Taskforce. The TTF will cover the JPJ bill up to their grant total of \$4,000. The Friends will cover the balance of \$485.00 and that and the JPB environmental analysis spending for wetland and archaeological work of \$7,000 will be credited as satisfying the required match for the \$4,000. Carol noted that the TTF had \$100,000 grant funds available on a first come, first served basis.

Carol will call Peder Larson to see what advice he may have on easement acquisition.

Char and Carol will approach Rob Ecklund in the hopes of setting up an in-person meeting when he is in the area.

There was a bit of conversation of the Face Book – Earth Fest social media intersection.

Logo table cloth is in Char’s possession and the canopy is in process. We still have cards and Char will bring those and water bottles and stickers to Earth Fest.

Cook’s Timber Days is June 10 through 12. Char and Carol can each cover a portion of the time.

The P&TC has a scavenger hunt again this year. Caroline will beat the bushes in Ely for a gift card prize. Possibilities include Ely Bike & Kick Sled or perhaps Piragis for a repeat.

In discussion of the Beatty route Char suggested Bill Tibbets as he is an avid bicyclist and a realtor. She will work out an approach.

Next meeting is set for May 11 at 3:00 pm and will be conducted electronically.

There being no further business, motion by Carol, second by Caroline, to adjourn, all ayes, motion carried at 3:47 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary