

**Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**  
**Electronic meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Chair Carol Booth.

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz, & Nancy Salminen. Bill Parker joined at 3:42.

Carol announced that Char Conger had resigned from Friends of the LVT Board but will continue to manage the face book account and store the banner and other supplies.

Minutes for the October 12, 2022 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol Booth, second by Nancy Salminen, to approve the minutes, all aye, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for October showed a balance of \$17,165.19. Motion by Carol Booth, second by Nancy Salminen, to accept the treasurer's report, all aye, motion carried.

Caroline has received communication from Natural Harvest that we are not selected for their 2023 Round Up program. She reported receipt of a \$250.00 donation from a Paul Parker, which will be reflected in next month's report.

State Farm renewal – an invoice in the amount of \$850.00 annual premium for nonprofit directors & officers coverage has been received. The amount last year was \$944.00. Motion by Nancy Salminen, second by Carol Booth, to pay the bill, all aye, motion carried. Carol did check on merging the two policies but this is not possible as they are written by two different State Farm entities.

Carol reviewed the preferred on-line voting procedure - first a motion followed by a second, then a pause of a day or so for discussion after which the Chair will call for a vote.

Carol spoke with Brandon Wagenfeld and he is presently taking a grant writing class but it is not clear there would be any immediate benefit.

Executive director position - Bill is not available. There was discussion of the draft contract that had been distributed. Carol noted that there should be a specific fund raising goal for JPB needs, that specific goals should be listed. Steve asked for clarity on pay – is it a \$10,000 lump sum, an hourly rate up to the total, how would it be determined? Carol felt it should be performance oriented, listing duties, guidelines, and expectations. Caroline suggested it might better be a fund raising and membership coordinator rather than an executive director and geared toward results and performance. Steve asked that money be spent on the needed things that we cannot presently do.

Grant writing – It was suggested that Char might take on an individual project. Nancy and Caroline will ask around to see who might be available.

Give to the max – Carol indicated that Char was setting this up.

Bill joined the meeting at 3:42 by phone from the wrong airport and discussion reverted to the topic of executive director. Bill and Carol will rewrite the contract with a focus on membership and fund raising.

East segment – Steve reported that he had spent portions of two day in the woods just before deer season and had flagged two possibilities that should have workable connection to the as yet not finalized Mesabi alignment.

Beatty segment – Carol and Ron Bushbaum flagged a workable route up Wakemup Hill generally avoiding wetlands and the snow mobile trail. Fine tuning will be required.

Bill noted that the Natural Harvest Round Up 2023 slots all went to organizations that had not participated before.

Caroline has been looking at local grant ideas and will research the Northland foundation.

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

Motion by Carol Booth, second by Caroline Owens, to adjourn at 3:57 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary