

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Electronic meeting

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

Members present: Chair Carol Booth, Vice Chair Bill Parker, Treasurer Caroline Owens, Secretary Steve Lotz & Nancy Salminen.

Minutes for the March 8, 2023 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol, second by Caroline, to approve the minutes as distributed, all ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for March showed an ending balance of \$47,851.97 after payments for insurance advertising, Earthfest fee, and contractor Mandie Aalto. Motion by Carol, second by Bill, to approve the Treasurer's report, all ayes, motion carried.

Audit committee report – Nancy and Steve reviewed bank statements, PayPal statements, check ledgers, and donations received and reported that the Treasurer's books were in order. There were some questions about the insurance payments generated by two policies and annual and quarterly billing. An insurance schedule and review will be done. Motion by Bill, second by Carol, to accept the Audit Committee report, all ayes, motion carried.

Earthfest – Mandie will be attending. The date is April 22.

Carol & Steve met via Zoom with Mandie on March 30 and received and tried to answer a host of questions.

Carol expressed concern as to the time line of the already extended IRR Grant Writing grant. She will contact Whitney Ridlon at the IRR to discussion options.

Nothing new on Mesabi Trail route.

The website at ARDC is being brought up to date.

Carol received an email from Brandon Wagenfeld inquiring about work available with the Trail, paid or unpaid. He may be able to assist Mandie and his offer will be forwarded to the JPB.

Carol met again with land owners to discuss Trail access along CR 24 and reviewed the present ski trail parking area.

Steve indicated that once the snow was gone he planned to walk the two alternatives connecting to the preferred Mesabi Trail route. Caroline, Nancy, and Carol expressed interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 3 pm via Zoom. Carol will be gone for the month of May.

Motion by Carol, second by Bill, to adjourn at 3:44 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary