

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, June 14, 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.

Minutes for the May 10 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 May showed no activity for May and an ending balance of \$47,841.97. Motion by Carol, second by Steve, to approve the Treasurer's report, all ayes, motion carried.

Contractor Mandie Aalto has taken on additional responsibilities at another job, which she expects will eliminate available time for work with the Friends. Through discussion it was decided that since at present her other job duties are not entirely clear we will ask that she continue and see what she might be able to work out going forward. Priority points are to finish up the in-progress grant narrative template, provide suggestions of Mail Chimp alternatives, possible part-time contribution, and potential grant writer recommendations.

West segment – Carol has delayed contacting a property owner due to a fire at the owner's house.

East segment – Steve is waiting for a Mesabi Trail alignment and did not get out in the field before leaf out.

IRR Grant Writing grant – Whitney replied that she would not be able to respond further until after July 1 as she was in the midst of fiscal year-end reports.

Lake Vermilion Facebook site – after research it was decided this is not likely to be of value to us and will not be pursued.

Brochure update- in discussion Bill suggested that the brochure should place more emphasis on the Friends and less emphasis on the JPB. Specifically the address should be the Friends' address and the middle panel on the back should present the Friends and perhaps our mission statement. Bill will contact Jodi at the Timberjay and work up a revised version. The Timberjay has quoted 280.49 plus shipping for 1,000 copies with the UV coating.

It was noted that we were not participating in the P&TC Scavenger Hunt this year.

It has been determined that Char did not get a canopy. At present we will do without one.

Carol contacted Sarah Ciochetto at the Mesabi Trail and they did not get out in the field this spring before leaf out either. Sarah and Carol talked about the possibility of formal coordination between the Mesabi Trail and the LVT JPB. Steve raised the issue of funding and Carol indicated this would be a target for Friends fund raising.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 3 pm via Zoom.

Motion by Carol, second by Caroline, to adjourn at 3:48.

Steven Lotz, secretary