

**Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**  
**Electronic meeting**

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

Members present: Chair Carol Booth & Secretary Steve Lotz.  
Also present contractor Mandie Aalto.

Minutes for the July 12 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Carol, second by Steve, to approve the minutes as distributed, all ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for July showed no income or expenditure for July and an ending balance of \$47,841.97. A nine month 25,000 CD at 5% was obtained at FB&T leaving a checking balance of 22,841.97.

Brochures – 1,000 new brochures have been received by Tim. An invoice has not been received.

Bill will do a trial demonstration on the Little Green Light software.

Contractor Mandie Aalto reported that the grant narrative was about 50% complete. She is updating stats and photos.

Carol suggested the Cliff Bar Family Foundation as a funding source. Submission deadlines are February, June, and October.

IRR Grant Writing grant – Whitney replied that if no grants are to be applied for by November the grant writing grant could be canceled or perhaps repurposed for research. This will be revisited in the fall.

Carol will be asking the JPB to contact Sarah Ciochetto at the Mesabi Trail to discuss the possibilities of Mesabi Trail taking on the Vermilion Trail as a Mesabi spur.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 3 pm via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:34.

Steven Lotz, secretary