

FRIENDS of MILITARY RIDGE TRAIL

Meeting Date: February 13, 2017

Meeting Location: Friends Shelter, Blue Mounds State Park

Friends Attending: Jerry Wilson, President; Bill Kalscheur, Treasurer; Cletus Schwoerer, Vice President; Sarah Castello, Secretary; Jane Schwoerer; Keith Sincox, Past President; Kevin Swenson, DNR Trail Manager; Tom Pedretti; Dave Pearson; Brad Bates, DNR Ranger

President Wilson, according to the Friends bi-laws, called the 2017 annual meeting to order. A time for introductions preceded the formal agenda.

Minutes: Bill motioned and Cletus seconded to accept the January 2017 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Cletus motioned and Bill seconded to accept the 2016 annual meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: We have \$17,160.39 in the FMRT bank account. We received \$500 from Horribly Hilly. The website domain name contract has been renewed. Our Fidelity account is doing well. Dave motioned and Keith seconded to accept the financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Added Agenda Items

-Because Cletus and Jane are moving out of the area Cletus has turned over the medical information folder to Jerry.

-Jerry read a thank you note from Carl F Statz and Sons.

-Bill got a request for the FMRT to join the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks. Bill motioned and Cletus seconded to join for \$25. The motion was passed unanimously.

-Palmer made a request (via Sarah as Palmer was not at the meeting) that we swap out all the lights in the Ridgeway Depot for LED lights. Dave would be willing to put the new lights in if someone else bought them. Dave will work with Palmer on this project. Dave moved to endorse Palmers recommendation to replace all lights in the depot with LED bulb, Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brad commented that lower cost LED lights can have a hum or ring, and they come in a variety of colors (blue to softer coolers). The group recommended that we take into consideration the quality and color when purchasing the lights.

Riley Port-a-Potty

The current Riley port-a-potty provider, Country Plumber, has raised the price for providing the port-a-potty from \$115/month to \$130. Bill contacted Buckys (they said they didn't service that area) and Stranders, from Lodi. Strangers charges by the day and has once a week service. The monthly payment to Stranders would be \$103 for the season. Dave motioned to switch to Stranders for the Riley port-a-potty provider, Sarah seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DNR Topics

- To recap the Mt Horeb bridge painting is still moving forward, the Ridgeway project is moving forward, and the PB project is moving forward.
- The DNR has ordered 50 trees, maples, oaks, and pines. Kevin contacted the Dodgeville school district about students helping plant the trees but has not heard back from them yet.
- Brad cut down a big willow on corner of 4th street that affected the trail. The wood can be carted away by someone for firewood.
- There have been several requests asking the DNR to plow the trail between PB and PD (the paved area) so that fat tire bicyclists can use this section of the trail for commuting. Due to the high level of interest Kevin is considering this request.
- The DNR Natural Resources Board, after reconsidering their initial decision, voted to move forward with a snow mobile trail through the park.
- Kevin would like a list of 2016 Accomplishments and Jerry will provide this.

American Transmission Co. (ATC) Power Lines Expansion

Dave had no real new news on this. Meetings on this are in the near future and Dave will email the group if anything comes up. We will keep this item on the agenda.

Officer Nominations and Vote

The following agreed to serve:

- Jerry Wilson – President
- Keith Sincox – Vice-President
- Bill Kalscheur – Treasurer
- Sarah Castello – Secretary

All who come to the meetings are considered board members.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Dave motioned that all who agreed to serve be accepted. The motion was approved by all.

Cletus motioned and Keith seconded that we adjourn. This was unanimously passed.

The next meeting is 6:00 pm, March 13th at the Blue Mounds Park Shelter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Castello, Secretary