

Minutes - FRIENDS of MILITARY RIDGE TRAIL

Meeting Date: July 13, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

Friends attending: Jerry Wilson, President; Sarah Castello, Secretary; Bill Kalscheur, Treasurer; Lydia Haynes; Dave Pearson, Vice President

Minutes

Bill motioned and Dave seconded to accept the June 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

The financial report showed an end of June balance of \$29,603.93 in the Farmers Savings Bank account. There has been lots of bike pass activity. We got \$1,000 from Friends of Wisconsin State Park. We also got half of the Ridgeway kiosk match in June (this is a quarter of the total cost). There is \$23,541.62 in the FMRT investment account. Dave moved to approve the financial report, Lydia seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Additions to this meetings agenda

None

DNR Topics

Both Kevin and Brad could not attend the meeting but sent the following update:

No significant updates since last month. Staff have been working on bridges, mainly west of the park. Some storm damage last week. We have a scout project coming up in August for the shelter east of Waltz Park. Bench arrived and will be installed in the next few weeks. Goose poop issues on the paved section of the trail around goose pond. Complaintant wants that section of the trail scrubbed down. Were recruiting volunteers..... but not otherwise acting. Trails been busy.

Ridgeway Train Depot Open House July 5th

It rained July 5th and not many people attended the open house. Jerry and Bill did some landscaping around the new kiosk. Jerry ordered 50 masks (disposable) to keep at the depot.

Library Open House (July 26)

FMRT will supply masks for the attendees. Jerry will contact the librarian.

Volunteers

We need volunteers for Ridgeway Days (if it happens) and the next depot open house. We also need people to clean the open house (Sarah volunteered). Sarah can get the key from Palmer. Bill has keys for the kiosk (they are all keyed the same except for the one in Mt Horeb).

Grant update

The 2018 Stewardship grant is for signage in Riley and for the maps in the kiosks. That grant has ended. Paperwork for that is done and the grant was for \$1,600. The DNR grant is for the Fitchburg trailhead (the DNR paid for the majority of this). The 2020 grant is for the Ridgeway kiosk. The \$1000 grant from the State Friends group is not a matching grant.

Riley Port-A-Potty

The Riley port-a-potty is installed, and is posted with a sign that says it is not cleaned daily. The sign also says it is supported by FMRT. It will be there until October.

ATC

Not much is new.

August Meeting

Sarah motioned to zoom the next meeting, Dave seconded it, and it was passed.

The next meeting, Monday, August 10, 2020, will start at 5:30 pm, contingent on Linda, Tom, Brad and Kevin being able to meet then. Jerry will contact them about the new start time. Sarah will send out the new ID and password.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Castello, Secretary