

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 1-8-24
Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024**

Annual Meeting

Call to Order

The Annual meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:03pm on January 8, 2023 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Glynn Municipal Building, Church St., Valatie NY.

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson, David Kolb, Bill Schneider

Public: Kevin Gilrain, Ron Rich

Review 2023

Highlights of 2023 were reviewed. Volunteers worked 1100 hours. 871 trail maintenance trips were accomplished with a final mowing in December.

April EarthDay Clean up with local Scouts

Farmers Daughter GravelGrinder-- we helped the Rotary serve about 1000 meals at the Fairgrounds

Parks and Trails NY Grant-- 9 benches installed

Greenway provided two new mowers

Octoberfest Fundraiser with Rotary 10-21-24 served 275 dinners

History of AHET Night at the Valatie Theater with Matt Kierstead attracted 75 participants

Membership renewals are coming due. There will be a trial of a new service "Zeffy" for online transactions. Jessie will coordinate web set-up with Jenn at "solasus".

New Boardmembers

Ron nominated and Lee seconded three current Boardmembers for a new term: Jake Samascott, Jessie Andersen, David Kolb. Kevin Gilrain to fill vacancy left with retirement of Ron Rich. Approved.

Adjournment

Dave moved and Deb seconded meeting adjourned at 6:18pm

Monthly Meeting January 8, 2024

Call to Order

The January Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:20 pm on January 8, 2023 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Glynn Municipal Building, Church St., Valatie NY.

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Michael Susi, Nolan Robinson, David Kolb, Bill Schneider, Kevin Gilrain

Public: Ron Rich

Slate of Officers

Jessie moved and Dave seconded this slate of Officers:

President: Jake Samascott

Vice President: Bill Schneider

Secretary: Lee Jamison

Treasurer: Deb Shakotko

Approved

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Review December 4, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bill moved and Deb seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through December 31, 2023

Opening Balance \$34,495.77

Revenue \$200

Expenses \$3,658.99

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$ 41,036.78

Credit cards issued to crew leaders Mike Susi and Kevin Gilrain

Bill moved to approve and Nolan seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan will report next meeting. Nolan will audit mailing list, contacts and renewals

Newsletter

Ron reports it should be out next month and will include membership renewal process along with the year's highlights.

Annual Audit

The last audit was done by Jurgen Babirad, Ann Birkmeyer and Greg Johnson. Deb will ask them again. Possible date Monday 2-12-24 at the KML Community Room

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

No activity for winter. We discussed the purchase of a vehicle to replace the van used by Ron to transport equipment. Jake will confer with Greenway.

Grant Updates

Greenway Grant 2024 is ready to submit. Nolan moved and Kevin seconded a resolution to apply for the grant for an amount not to exceed \$12,500. Approved

Public Comments: none

Many thanks to Ron Rich for years of advocacy and hard work !

Adjournment: Dave moved, Kevin seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Next Meeting March 4, 2024 @ 6pm

No February Meeting due to no winter activities

We will meet Monday March 4, 2024 at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison