

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 3-4-24
Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024 (revised)**

Monthly Meeting March 4, 2024

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Michael Susi,
David Kolb, Kevin Gilrain
Present via Facetime: Nolan Robinson
Public: , Jim DiGioia
Absent: Bill Schneider

Call to Order

The March Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:01 pm on March 4, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Review Annual Meeting Minutes and January 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Deb moved and Jessie seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through 1-31-24 (revised 2-14-24)

Opening Balance \$41,036.78

Revenue \$ 8,587.37

Expenses \$2,386.88

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$47,237.27

Revisions included Rotary proceeds

Deb gave treasurer's report through February 29, 2024

Opening Balance \$47,237.27

Revenue \$4,895.00

Expenses \$1,996.52

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$ 50,135.75

Deb filed Not-for Profit tax report to IRS and to NYS

Deb asked for adjustment approval for 2024 Budget to reflect **truck purchase** with interest-free loan and shipping with payments starting in April at \$500/m.

She estimates:

insurance \$7-8,000; gas \$2,000-2,500; maintenance \$1,000

Total expense to budget for 2024 \$37,132

Lee moved to approve and Mike seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reported 89 renewals, so far, with income of \$10,125 including a gift from a donor for \$2,500 in honor of Ron Rich. A third of member renewals came through the "Zeffy" online program.

He will recognize members and donors:

email acknowledgement for general membership

personalized email for larger amounts

personal letter for sponsorships

Mike will check with Ron for vintage postcard image

Newsletter

No report as Ron was not present but we received copies

Annual Audit

The audit for 2023 was done by Jurgen Babirad, Ann Birkmeyer and Greg Johnson on Monday 2-12-24 at the KML Community Room.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

We discussed the purchase of the truck to replace the van used by Ron to transport equipment. Jake will coordinate training and testing of drivers. He will alert insurance company of approved drivers.

Annual Earth Day Clean-up

Dave Kolb organizing local Scout Troops for Saturday 4-20-24 with a rain date of Sunday 4-21-24 to focus on the Stockport/Greenport sections. Hopefully, Anne Schaeffer will make more buttons for the Scouts for the day.

Renee` Shurr inquired about installation of bike racks in Kinderhook Village. To be pursued with Kinderhook Scout Troop.

Old Claverack Brewery is interested in a "Passport" biking event

Farmers Markets

Jessie will pursue applications for Kinderhook and Hudson

Grant Updates

Greenway Grant 2024 was submitted. Awaiting news of award. We will start to record volunteer hours in April.

Public Comments: Jim DiGioia offers to help with events

Adjournment: Dave moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Next Meeting April 1, 2024 @ 6pm

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.
Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison