

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 3-6-23
Monthly Meeting Minutes March 6, 2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:00 pm on March 6, 2023 by Jake Samascott, Vice-Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich (via Zoom), Lee Jamison, Deb Shakotko, Jessie Anderson, Jake Samascott, Michael Susi
Not Present: David Kolb, Bill Schneider, Nolan Robinson
Public: Gail Babirad, Jim DiGioia

Review January 9, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes
(no meeting in February)

No corrections

Deb moved and Jessie seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Reports presented by Deb thru Jan 31, 2022.

Opening Balance \$ 20,481.17

Revenue \$ 1,780

Expense \$3,072.65 UTV was paid, Insurance was paid

Closing Balance \$19,188.52

Reports Presented by Deb thru Feb 28, 2023

Opening Balance \$19,188.52

Revenue \$14,585.71 Greenway (\$6,498.45), Memberships and Donations

Expenses \$1387.57 includes Director's and Officer's Insurance

Closing Balance \$32,386.66

Jessie moved to approve both month's reports, Ron seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Membership renewals: 129

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Earth Day Clean-up set for 4-22-23 @ 9am.

Kinderhook Scouts will meet up at Little Lake Rd

Chatham Scouts will meet up at the North Chatham Hardware Store

Earth Day chores will be to flag obstacles, clear brush to prepare shoulders for flail mowing

Training for Trail Maintenance for new and returning adult volunteers set for 4-29-23 @1-2pm
meetup at Samascott's Farm. Maintenance volunteers are required to be members

Winter Trail condition spot checks indicate washout issues in Valatie and Stockport. To be addressed
by Greenway in 2023 season.

Ron and Jake will meet with Andy Beers regarding capital projects.

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Events

Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7-29-23 has been proposed by internationally renowned Sommelier, Daniel Johnnes, with support from the Kinderhook Bottle Shop.

We discussed possible venues as the original idea of the Stuyvesant Hydro Power Plant was determined unsuitable, after a site visit, due to dust and lack of water.

Under discussion were; Rothermel Park, Samascott's Cidery or the new Hotel, Kinderhook Village Hall, Golden Harvest, Saba Winery, Stable Gate Winery, The School (Lee will contact Jack Shainman)

Grant Updates

Due to an online submission problem, our 2023 HRVG grant application will be resubmitted by the May 8th deadline with the original April 1, 2023 effective date.

Farmer's Market

Jessie reported we will be community vendors on 5-13-23 and 9-16-23 at Hudson Farmer's Market

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Mike moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm

Next Meeting

We will meet Monday April 3, 2023 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison