

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 4-1-24
Meeting Minutes April 1, 2024**

Monthly Meeting April 1, 2024

Present

Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Michael Susi, Kevin Gilrain, Bill Schneider,
Nolan Robinson

Public: , Jim DiGioia

Absent: David Kolb, Jessie Anderson

Call to Order

The April Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:06 pm on April 1, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024

Kevin moved and Bill seconded to approve with clarification that the budget increase was the total budget, not just the truck purchase: Passed as revised

Treasurer's Report

Deb gave treasurer's report through 3-31-24

Opening Balance \$50,135.75

Revenue \$ 3,325.16

Expenses \$2,445.96

Closing Balance: Total with Reserves: \$51,014.95

Membership income \$3,325.16

Expenses included liability insurance \$1,833.50

Bill moved to approve and Nolan seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reported 115 total members over last months total of 89. Membership has brought in \$12,400. He is sending out acknowledgements,

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Jake reports the truck has arrived! He said it appears to be in good shape. He purchased a safety light. It has a tow hitch and will need a wiring harness. There was discussion about signage. Bill suggested CFET logo decal in the back window. Ron Rich delegated to get prices to do the appropriate decoration.

April 1st starts the new grant year for tracking volunteer hours.

April Maintenance Training Day set up for new and returning volunteers set up for Sunday 4-14-24 2pm at Samascott's Farm.

Annual Earth Day Clean-up

Jake asked that Anne Schaeffer receive \$50 for design work for Earth Day buttons. Deb moved and Bill seconded; approved.

Dave Kolb organizing local Scout Troops for Saturday 4-20-24 to focus on the Stockport/Greenport sections. They will meet at 9am at Old Klaverack Brewery where pizza will also be provided to volunteers at the end of the project around noon.

Farmers Markets

Jessie reported Hudson will be June 22 and September 7th. Kinderhook starts May 4th and Deb will help her with tent and tabling. They want to use “Zeffy” to sell merchandise. Jake will test Zeffy prior to 5-4-24.

Grant Updates

no report at this time

Public Comments:

Jim DiGioia asked about extensive trimming in the Village of Kinderhook. This is not CFET’s territory and would either be Grid activity or the Village.

Kevin noted kids on motor bikes are making ruts on the trail

There also was a message about a public bike station for Dock St in Hudson. Also outside our territory.

Adjournment: Deb moved, Bill seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm

Next Meeting May 6, 2024 @ 6pm

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Jamison