

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 8-5-2024
Meeting Minutes August 5, 2024**

Monthly Meeting August 5, 2024

Present

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

Call to Order

The August Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:01 pm on August 5, 2024 by Jake Samascott in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2024

Deb moved to approve with correction of spelling of T. Backer Fund, and Jessie seconded to approve as corrected; Passed

Treasurer's Report

Deb gave treasurer's report through 7-31-24
Opening Balance \$60,421.64
Revenue \$100.00
Expenses \$33,383.97
\$30,000 was moved to CD account
Expenses (\$3,383.97) included liability insurance, Truck payments, gasoline, equipment repair
Closing Balance: Checking: \$27,137.67
Nolan moved to approve and Kevin seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Nolan reported 138 members new and renewed
Taco Diablo gave a donation of \$5,000
Income from new and renewed members \$19,945
Nolan will send out acknowledgements this month to all 138

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Kevin reports that the crew did a lot of work due to storm repair. Some sections of the Trail have had vegetation too woody for the flail mower. The Greenway had agreed to buy CFET a sickle bar mower. Mike will cover the mowing and trimming schedules while Kevin is away. He will organize a schedule with Ron Rich, Bob Sweet and Bob Hess.

Farmers Markets

Jessie reported Hudson Market tent space for CFET was June 22 and again on September 7th. Lee volunteered to help Jessie for June and Sept.
We will table at Kinderhook Farmer's Market 8/24 and 10/12
It would be good to sell Oktoberfest (10-19-24) tickets via Zeffy
Jake will set that up. Anne Shaffer is doing posters and graphics.

Other Business:

Cycle Hudson Valley Bike Tour was August 4th despite rain. Less riders than last year but still around 200.

Community Bank: Deb will provide wording for a resolution establishing an administrator (Deb) and signatories (Jake, Bill) for the account as follows:

Board resolution:

“Effective immediately, CFET bank account signers will be Deborah Shakotko, Treasurer and bank account administrator, Jake Samascott, President, and Bill Schneider, Vice President.”

Resolution was passed unanimously by the board. Account signers must bring ID and a copy of these approved minutes to the bank (Community Bank, Valatie branch) to sign the account cards and sign onto the CD.

Grant Updates

no report

Public Comments:

Jim DiGioia observed that a young person was operation a very noisy remote car on the trail by Rothermel Park. People are encouraged to report to Troopers. Jim also offered to volunteer at Oktoberfest.

Member Issue

Dave Kolb needs to step down after 5 years due to Town Justice duties. He would resign 12-31-24 or sooner if a replacement is available.

Executive Session: at 6:45pm, Deb moved, Lee seconded to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Adjournment of both executive session and Monthly Meeting: Dave moved, Mike seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm

Next Meeting Monday September 9, 2024 @ 6pm

at the Quiet Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Modification due to Labor Day Holiday Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison