

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 12-2-2024 Meeting Minutes December 2, 2024

Monthly Meeting December 2, 2024

Present:

Bill Schneider, Lee Jamison, Deb Shakotko, Kevin Gilrain, David Kolb, Jessie Anderson, Michael Susi,

via Zoom: Nolan Robinson,

Absent: Jake Samascott

Public: Jim DiGioia, Ron Rich

Call to Order

The December Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:07 pm on December 2, 2024 by ViceChair Bill Schneider in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Review Monthly Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

Deb moved to approve and Dave seconded; Passed

Treasurer's Report

Deb provided the treasurer's report through 11-30-24.

Opening Balance \$21,808.46

Revenue \$293.61 CD interest, membership/donations, remainder Oktoberfest ticket sales cash

Expenses \$872.53 Truck payments, invitations for volunteer appreciation event

We will be owing the Rotary for their Oktoberfest expenses which they have not billed

Closing Balance: Checking: \$21,120.93

CD: \$30,428.66

Jessie moved to approve and Bill seconded: Passed.

Draft Budget 2025 Deb discussed the draft budget for 2025. She reflected that donations may be down due to the Trail no longer being a novelty, insurance and equipment maintenance costs increasing.

Kevin moved that the budget be approved, Lee seconded; passed

Membership Report

Nolan reports 1 new member. We have 140 paid members. Reminders for renewals will go out with the Annual Newsletter in January. Ron recommended that Anne Schaffer again, help with the newsletter.

We discussed a Christmas card to go to sponsors and donors. Ron offered to do the card and Nolan will do the mailing. Nolan will also collaborate with Jake on the Newsletter. Jake to post for Giving Tuesday on social media.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Mowing has wrapped up and equipment is stored. Ron will remove batteries and store in heated basement at Kevin's and his house.

Ron plans to install bench plaques before January 7. One was done as a sample. We felt there was no rush and could be done in spring. The Truck is stored in the Niverville storage area.

Crew Appreciation Event: Held at Old Klaverack Brewery on Saturday 11-23-24 3-5pm, 15 people attended this successful event. The owner of the Brewery wishes to continue to host trail events.

Farmers Markets Finished for the season

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Oktoberfest: we await statement for Rotary expenses

Grant Updates

no report

Other Business: Dave Kolb officially submitted his letter of resignation due to conflicts with his duties as Town Judge

Public Comments: Jim DiGioia noted the recent gift of the restored North Chatham Depot to the North Chatham Library. This is at one of our Trailheads. Jim also noted that traffic is not always respecting people on the Rt 9 crosswalk.

Adjournment of Monthly Meeting: Dave moved, Deb seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm

Next Meeting Monday January 6, 2024 @ 6pm

at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance. This is a Board Meeting and Annual Meeting to fill Board seats and elect officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison