

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 1-3-22 Approved
Monthly Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order following the close of the Annual Meeting at 6: 38pm on January 3, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present

Ron Rich, Jake Samascott, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jerry Callahan, David Kolb, Jessie Anderson, Bill Schneider

Not Present: Robin Benziger

Public: Jayne Zinke

Election of Officers for 2022

The following slate was presented:

Ron Rich	President
Jake Samascott	Vice President
Deb Shakotko	Treasurer
Lee Jamison	Secretary

Dave moved and Bill seconded to approve the slate; passed

Review December 2021 Meeting Minutes

Corrections were made to the financial report regarding the amount of money shared with the Rotary for their Oktoberfest profit and expenses. It was also noted that increases anticipated in Greenway funding for next year included the additional expenses of the flail mower, insurance and gasoline.

Deb moved and Bill seconded to approve as corrected: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Reports presented by Deb thru December 31, 2021. Reports attached and distributed prior to meeting.

Opening Balance \$ 17,606.95

Revenue \$ 2,725

Expense \$1,873.59

Closing Balance \$18,458.36

Membership renewals have been coming in. Hudson River Bank gave \$900 for a generator earlier this year.

Lee moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jake seconded: Passed.

Membership Report

Ron reports 188 members: 77 individuals, 96 families, 15 sponsors

There were 8 new members; Renewals were due December and have been rolling in.

Renewing members will get an historic post card as a thank you.

A plaque was given to Samascotts in appreciation for all they have done for CFET

The Newsletter is coming. Anne Schaefer is doing graphics and editing with Ron.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Jake is preparing to set up training schedules for the Spring. There needs to be training and scheduling for mowing, string trimming and working with the flail mower.

Bill suggested surveying when were good mowing times vs popular, high traffic patron use times. There also was a suggestion for “Mowing Ahead” signage.

Grant Updates

Ron, as approved last month, requested funding for 8 benches from NY Parks and Trails with agreement from Greenway. Announcements expected in May 2022.

Greenway Grant 2021 is closed out and sent in. All conditions were met

Greenway Grant 2022 The Board was asked to approve the following resolution:

Not-for-Profit Certification and Resolution

I, Lee Jamison, Secretary of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail, Inc. of Valatie, New York, a corporation subject to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York State and qualified for tax exempt status under the Federal Internal Revenue Code, do hereby certify that said organization has adopted the following resolution of the governing body held on January 3, 2022 and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED:

That Ronald Rich acting as President of Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail, Inc. is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Hudson River Valley Greenway in accordance with the 2022 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 for Albany-Hudson Electric Trail Maintenance, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement and contract with the Hudson River Valley Greenway for such financial assistance to this organization.

Date of Adoption

Lee Jamison
Board Secretary

Signature

Deb moved to approve the resolution and Dave seconded; passed

Public Comments

There was some general conversation about ideas to accompany displays of the Historic Interpretive Signs as far as speakers (Matt Kierstaad, Jim Besh) and venues.

Jerry Callahan suggested we be mindful of past stated goals of the trail enhancing local commerce. We have no data on that as yet but it would be useful. Dave Kolb who is with the State Troopers said he will check for data on trail related complaints but said there had been no reports, no ATVs, no theft and the trail is clean.

Adjournment: Dave moved, Deb seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:16 pm

Next Meeting

No February Meeting.

Next meeting, Monday March 7, 2022 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. Masks required.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison

