

**Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 7-11-22 Draft  
Monthly Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The regular July meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:07 pm on 7-11, 2022 by Ron Rich, Chair, in the Community Room at Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**Present**

Ron Rich, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison,, Jessie Anderson, Bill Schneider, Jake Samascott  
Not Present: David Kolb, Robin Benziger,  
Public: Jim DiGioia

**Review June 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

No corrections

Deb moved and Bill seconded to approve: Passed

**Treasurer and Budget Status Reports**

Reports presented by Deb thru June 30, 2022.

Opening Balance \$ 24,979.28

Revenue \$ 595.00

Expense \$ 5,371.70

Closing Balance \$20,202.58 Reserve Acc't: Insurance \$2,250.00; Equipment \$2,500.00

Expenses have included payments 2 new string trimmers, UTV monthly payment

Income from dues, donations and t-shirt sales

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

**Membership Report**

Ron reports

total members: 148; 7 new members and 3 renewals

48 individuals

79 families

18 sponsors

3 donors

**Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Ron and Jake report

Fixed string-trimming schedules to be set for Weds mornings and Sundays.

Two trimming crews worked last Wednesday

More people have been trained than have actually signed up for a work day.

Jessie volunteered to contact with a follow-up as we need volunteers out on the Trail.

Mowing crew is completing the 4<sup>th</sup> mowing trip.

Flail mowing going slower due to hidden obstacles (junk) in the underbrush fouling the mechanism and requiring extra maintenance.

**Gardening Committee:** no report

## **Grant Updates**

Ron, as authorized in November 2021, requested funding for 8 benches from Parks and Trails NY. The grant was awarded, we await the funds. Parks and Trails would like to recognize Grid volunteers and seeks 5 opportunities.

Ron and Jake installed N. Chatham Trailhead sign footings.

## **Events**

Despite blustery weather, Solstice at Samascott's people had fun. Jake built a windbreak for the bonfire and folks had donuts, hot and cold cider. Expenses shared with Runner's Club.

Other events: Ron hopes for an event at the Stuyvesant Falls Hydro Plant in 2023. He, Robin and Gary Spielmann met with Jim Beshka at Albany Engineering for a possible future event.

Robin has been speaking with other venues to display the interpretive historic placques. We also hope to include a talk by historian, Matt Kiersted.

Oktoberfest: we'd like to repeat the same drive-thru event at Samascott's with the Rotary. Ron will contact them. Date TBA

Farmer's Market: Jake, Jessie and Lee will cover the Kinderhook Farmers Market on Saturday 7-23-22 8a-12:30p.

**Public Comments:** Jim volunteered to help with Oktoberfest

Adjournment: Bill moved, Lee seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:07 pm

## **Next Meeting**

Next meeting, Monday August 1, 2022 at 6pm at KML. Entrance on Sylvester Street. **Masks optional.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison