



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
Meeting Minutes
Monday January 11, 2016, 7 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:01 PM

ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: 22

Messerer Bentrup Wehrbein
M. Torell Godfrey Case
Warren Arp Hammer
Stevens Rosenboom Sonderup
Dunbar Noe Hirsch
Heinrich Ringlein Jerke
Vannier Collier Scoby
B. Torell

Absent: 7

Baker Greene Griffin
Carveth Hersey Burd
Coble

Excused Absences: Griffin

Guest(s): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Corey Godfrey

- ***Approval of minutes moved by Stevens and seconded by Jerke. Approved.***

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jamie Warren

- Warren reviewed expenses and expenditures. Balance is \$23,734.20 in GPTN Cornhusker bank checking account (General Funds). Warren stated he would have detailed reports at the next meeting including the Annual Meeting in February.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

Christmas Party Feedback and Reaction

- Hirsch asked for feedback on the party. The cherry pie was a hit and Roger requested an additional pie for next year.

Administration Committee

- Hirsch stated the Admin Committee met on January 4th and have another meeting set for January 24th.
- Hirsch stated that the Admin Committee discussed amending the Bylaws to provide that one more officer can sign checks (currently only the President and the Treasurer can sign). Would like to add the Vice President.
- If anyone has any additional suggestions for Bylaw changes, please contact Roger.

Nominations Special Committee

- Need a GPTN board member to chair this committee. Hirsch asked for volunteers. Ann Ringlein volunteered to be the Chair.

Committee Statement for 2016

- Hirsch reminded the board of the revamped Committee Statement last year and asked if anyone had additional suggestions. Send Roger an email with ideas for additional changes to the Committee Statement.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dena Noe

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – Dena Noe

Fundraising Committee – Gary Bentrup & Karen Griffin, Co-Chairs

1. N Street Status – Bentrup

- About \$13,000 to \$14,000 short on our commitment. Jayne Snyder funds will cover the shortfall. Project is essentially complete except some plantings set for Spring.

2. Status of Fundraising Projects -Bentrup

- Murdock project may have an RTP Grant to fund the project. GPTN Commitment is \$50,000.
- Pioneer Park phase 3. GPTN commitment is \$60,000. Already have \$36,000 raised. Need to raise additional \$24,000.

Government Relations Committee – Mary Torell

- LB716 introduced by Senator Rick Kolowski (Omaha). Will change the side path law --> if adjacent side path is available you must take that path. Cross walk safety for bicyclists and pedestrians also included in the proposed bill.
- Select City Council members and the Mayor would like to propose crosswalk protections for cyclists and pedestrians.

Public Relations Committee – Steve Dunbar

- New "Get Involved" flyer being overhauled by the Committee. Passed around the handout and asked for suggestions. Send those to Steve Dunbar.

Trail Use and Activities Committee – Marynelle Greene & Joyce Vannier, Co-Chairs

- No updates.

TrailTrek Committee – Jim Carveth

- Meeting set up for next Thursday. Not sure about the leadership going forward. June 26, 2016.

Finance Committee – Corey Godfrey

- Nothing to report at this time. Committee to meet in next quarter to review expenses and expenditures.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Committee on Fundraising Procedures – Ray Stevens

- Nothing to report.

Special Committee on Annual Meeting – Mary Torell, Elaine Hammer, Dena Noe

- Joint meeting with NTF with our GPTN Annual meeting. Presenters are set. Dena Noe will take care of the agenda. Mailer to go out soon for the GPTN Annual meeting.
- Gary working on the awards. Let him know if you have suggestions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS:

- The Frosty Ride is February 6, 2016. Dena will update info on GPTN social media.
- Sonderup updated the board on the proposed Landfill MTB park. Reviewed basic design plans. Godfrey mentioned funding for the project is all private sources.
- ***Hammer had a request to cover NTF Annual meeting notices/mailings. Motion by Hammer and seconded by Stevens to expend up to \$500 for NTF Annual meeting notices/mails. Approved.***
- Hammer reviewed history of NTF and 501c3 status.
- The Hub will be open in March 2016.

PROBABLE AGENDA ITEMS and NOTES for next Board meeting:

1. Short board meeting after the Annual GPTN Membership meeting.

Next GPTN Board meeting:

- February 21, 2016 Following Annual Meeting; no further notice given.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary