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GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK

Jayne Snyder Trails Center, November 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Dena Noe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Dale Arp, Ron Case, Parks Coble, Steve Dunbar, Charlene Dunbar, Kevin Fitzgerald, Marynelle Greene, Corey Godfrey, Karen Griffin, Elaine Hammer, Roger Hirsch, JP Jamison, Jordan Messerer, Dena Noe, Shelby Robinson, Greg Rosenboom, Dave Scoby, Ray Stevens, Mary Torell, Bob Torell, Jamie Warren, Roger Wehrbein

Excused: Jeff Kimble

Not Present: Brett Baker, Matt Baumeister, Gary Betrup, Chris Heinrich, Ann Ringlein, Kris Sonderup

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The distributed minutes needed a date added. After adding the date, Roger Hirsch moved acceptance of the minutes, Ray Stevens seconded, passed by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October Report

Jamie Warren presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. For the month of October, the most notable entry is an \$1800 contribution from Market to Market. Parks Coble moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report, Ron Case seconded. Passed by voice vote.

NTF Yearly Fee

GPTN has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nebraska Trails Foundation (NTF) which outlines the relationship between the two organizations and delineates responsibilities between the two organizations. Among those responsibilities is that GPTN will pay a portion of the administrative fees for professional accounting, auditing of the accounts and legal services. Currently, approximately 2/3 of the funds held at NTF are GPTN funds. The MOU states that GPTN will pay 1% of incoming donations and 0.25% on the average quarterly balance.

Roger Hirsch suggested that professional fees for NTF holding GPTN funds, pursuant to the MOU (1% of donations and 0.25% of average quarterly balance) be paid from the GPTN checking account. The idea is that donations are not touched for fees. Karen Griffin made the motion that professional fees for NTF holding GPTN funds, pursuant to the MOU, be paid from the GPTN checking account. The decision is to be reviewed at an appropriate time each year. The two treasurers would settle the exact amount each year, after the audit is finished. Bill Wehrbein seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Greg Rosenboom

Vice-President Greg Rosenboom asked for corrections and updates to the list of GPTN Board Members.

Greg solicited members for a Nominations Committee to find potential new Board members. The Board currently has 3 positions open.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee -- Gary Bentrup

Murdock Trail funding

Karen Griffin reported in lieu of Gary Bentrup with an update for the Murdock project. GPTN is raising approximately 75% of the project cost.

Karen Griffin made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 as a 2017 year-end donation from the GPTN checking account to the Murdock project. Ray Stevens seconded. With this appropriation, GPTN can close out the donations needed.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Karen Griffin made the motion to request \$19,000 from the Jane Snyder fund held at NTF for the Murdock trail. Ray Stevens seconded. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Wilderness Park

Roger Hirsch reported on results of the RTP grant application made by the City for the south Wilderness Park bridge. In total there were 8 applications, asking for \$1.9 million. The state had \$700,000 to award. The top 3 applications received about \$250,000 each. The top 3 were the Cowboy Trail, a trail in North Platte, and a trail in Columbus. The Wilderness Park application came in for a strong fourth place. The only way that Wilderness Park bridge can get funded through this source this year is if one of the 3 funded applications falls through. Wilderness Park may be in line next year for funding from this source. However, it is likely there will be fewer funds in the future for trails projects. The competition will remain fierce, and there is some bias for rural projects.

Government Relations Committee -- Mary Torell

No report.

Public Relations Committee

No report.

Trail Use and Activities Committee -- Mary Torell

The annual Holiday Party will be at 6:00 p.m. December 11 at Forest Lake Estates Club House. The gathering will have no business meeting unless we need to vote on a TrailBlazer award.

Finance Committee -- Corey Godfrey

The Finance Committee will have a meeting next month for the last quarter.

Trail Trek -- Dale Arp and Roger Hirsch

Trail Trek had a meeting before the Board meeting. Dale is creating a Corporate Challenge, forming an additional committee outside of the Trail Trek committee. All are invited to join if this activity sounds interesting. Anyone registering for Trail Trek can form a corporate or organization team, it doesn't cost money, and anyone can be a team captain. The Trail Trek Committee is still deciding which trails to use. This is a key decision because of the need to ask the city for park space, etc.

Annual Meeting - Mary Torell

Mary has done preliminary planning. Board members were asked to bring dessert, cookies, etc for refreshments. The Annual Meeting will be at Cornhusker Bank at 84th & O. Mary has contacted a possible speaker from the Bike Share program since Bike Share will be starting in April. Karen suggested announcing the Jamaica

North/Rock Island/Densmore Park Bridge project. This could serve as a kickoff for fundraising.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dena Noe

Dena thanked the Board for hard work this year, saying that it makes summarizing for the year at the annual meeting easy.

Dale Arp reported about the project at 98th & A. At some point the trail must cross over to the south side of A Street and to the east of 98th.

Elaine Hammer suggested having a special meeting between the Board, the City Planning Dept., the City Parks and Recreation Dept., etc. so that the Board is fully informed of the choices, the possibilities, and the ideas of all sides. Jordan will bring up this suggestion to the Mayor's PBAC Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

Holiday gathering December 11 at Forest Lake Estates, 6834 Summerset Ct.