



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIWASSEE TRAIL  
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**Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**  
**6:00 pm, Clinton County Court House**  
**St. Johns, Michigan**

*Minutes*

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Chairperson Church called meeting to order at 6:19 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
  - a. **Present:** John Salemi, Janice Gustafson, Dave Weber, Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Rick Church, Kathy Simon, Ardelle Rodgers, Pam Weisenburger, Doug Hyland
  - b. **Absent:** None
  - c. **Guests:** Erwin Trumble, Jr.
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting. Weber/Salemi M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approve the Agenda** – Remove 9a) Fund Raising (permanent removal); remove Item 9c) Chain of Command Flow Chart (permanent removal); and remove 9d) Liability Insurance Update. **MOTION** to approve the amended agenda. Gustafson/Weber M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham reported that the MWMTA elected officers at their last meeting. Ron Gunderson is now Chairperson, Heather Hanover is Treasurer, Mark Coscarelli is Secretary. He stated we should receive our \$10,000 grant in early April.
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Gustafson reported that we received \$10 for dues and \$90 for donations and had \$255.70 in expenses in February. There is a balance of \$328.13 in the Michigan Trail Authority Grant Fund. The ending Operating Fund Balance as of February 28, 2018 was \$14,837.34. **MOTION** to approve the Financial Report as presented. Salemi/Rodgers M/S/P Discussed payment to Gustafson for the burnt bench. Part of the insurance money goes for clean up (removal of cement pad). Also discussed the possibility of approaching the Jandernoa Foundation when we identify a fund raising project. **MOTION** to reimburse Trail Manager Culham in the amount of \$600 for 2017. Salemi/Weisenburger M/S/P **MOTION** to transfer funds on a quarterly basis in the amount of \$450 to Trail Manager Culham in 2018 for services rendered and expenses. Salemi/Hyland M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham reported that he has notified the MDNR that the farmer wants us (or the MDNR) to fix the ditches on the culvert near his farm. MDNR has not run into this before - unresolved at this point. He also received an e-mail from Tim Machovich that the MDNR will check trespassing of Clean Harbor with their recovery tanks pushed out near the trail in Owosso Township, between Sherman and Smith roads. He stated that signs are on order to replace knocked down and/or vandalized signs. Discussed ways to stop snowmobiles and other vehicles from driving over the bridges over the Maple River and Stoney Creek. Hyland stated that when M-21 and the road between Muir and Lyons was recently flooded, people were driving down the trail over the bridges. We need to find a resolution for this problem over the next several months.
9. **Old Business**

- a) *Wayfaring Signs/MSU Student Project* - Hyland stated that the money is approved and they are ready to put a sign package together, but it is stalled at MDOT because they still do not have an approved signage policy.
- b) *Set up of Volunteer Dates* - Culham stated that our clean up day will be April 21 between 9 am and noon. Simon will add to our Facebook page.
- c) *2018 Annual Meeting (Information re: agenda, volunteer recognition, 2018 proposed budget, 2017 minutes, speakers, election, etc.)* - Our speakers will be Ben Frederick and Barry Culham. Hyland agreed to bring small bottles of water, Salemi will provide coffee, each board member will bring a dozen cookies. Gustafson will bring copies of budget and financial statements and agenda, in addition to the banner. Salemi will handle the election ballots. Also discussed changes to the draft agenda.
- d) *Board Vacancy* - Salemi has so far not had any success in recruiting a board member for the Clinton County vacancy. He and Church will pursue this.

**10. New Business**

- a) *Event Request from Back Road Brigade* - Weber presented a request from the Back Road Brigade to run a relay marathon in Pewamo. The race will be on Friday, June 22 and will start at the trailhead in Pewamo and head east to Jones road, then back to the trailhead, then west to the trestle bridge, then back east to the trailhead. This will be repeated till the end of the marathon. **MOTION** to approve request from the Back Road Brigade Salemi/Hyland M/S/P
- b) *Follow up on E-Mail Motion: "MOTION to pay up to \$500 for publication of the annual newsletter and ballots"* Simon/Church M/S/P
- c) *Trail Brochures* - **MOTION** to print 3,000 brochures Weisenburger/Church M/S/P

**11. Next Meeting Date/Location** – Next meeting is our Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7 pm at the Clinton County Courthouse in Commission Chambers, St. Johns. Church requested board members to be there by 6:30.

**12. Adjournment** – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Gustafson/Salemi M/S/P

*Minutes taken by Kathy Simon*