

**MINUTES 2019 Annual Meeting - St. Croix Bike Pedestrian Trail Coalition
Town of Somerset Town Hall, 748 Hwy 35, Somerset, WI - April 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting location was changed from Glover Park in the Town of Troy to the Town of Somerset Town Hall because of predicted inclement weather.

At 10:00 a.m. **Mingle and Munch**

At ~ 10:30 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER** - André Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~ 10:30 a.m.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE – The agenda was posted at the Town of Somerset Town Hall and on the Coalition web site.

ROLL CALL – Those present were Jill Berke, Mark Gherty, Ben & Susan Heuiser, André Johnson, Andrew Lamers, Kyle & Janet Lindstrom, David Mandel, Agnes Ring (after 10:30 p.m.) and Mark Vanasse.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Ben Heuiser) to adopt the agenda. **Carried** with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – April 28, 2018 – A **motion** (Gherty, Lamers) to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the coalition – There were no reports presented.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Review of Annual Report

Johnson reviewed the **general portion** of the Annual Report indicating changes to specific areas of the Coalition's activities, some special projects for the year, but all generally working toward the group's mission statement goal of extending a connected trail network throughout St. Croix County and beyond.

Johnson then discussed some 2019 new initiatives, specifically **1)** joining the United Way's fund raising effort – giveBIGscv, **2)** being invited to join the Stillwater / MnDOT planning committee for the Loop Trail Opening Celebration currently planned for September 27, 28, 2019, and **3)** a program to place bicycle racks in areas that want them with Johnson pointing out this is a collaboration with the WITC welding class and a local powder coating business. General comments from those in attendance included other locations that might want these trail amenities and also discussion of putting this information in the area newspapers in accordance with the Communications Committee's new outreach focus.

Vanasse reviewed the **2018 financial report** indicating which expenditures were annual costs of doing business and which ones were related to grants and their distribution for the special projects undertaken during the year – specifically, an engineering study of trail possibilities in the Landing Hill area of STH 64 and the Art Bench Project of the Phipps Center for the Arts located on the Loop Trail Trailhead.

Gherty discussed the **Communication Committee's** new emphasis on creating more press releases about the Coalition's activities and the structure created to assure that messages going out about the Coalition reflect the collaborative work it does and the attention to trail network extensions it supports.

Susan Heuiser discussed the **Hwy 64 Trails Corridor Committee** as a collaborative discussion among the municipalities along the STH 64 corridor between the Loop Trail in the Town of St. Joseph and the City of New Richmond. She indicated this group focuses solely on trails and meets just a few times a year to keep the various entities apprised of plans in each municipal boundary so connecting trail networks are planned with a larger overview as a consideration.

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2. Nomination for and election of the Board of Directors seats currently held by Kyle Lindstrom, Pam Kaiser and Marion Webber - Johnson reviewed the election details before opening the floor for nominations. Each of the three seats was voted on separately as follows.

The seat held by Kyle Lindstrom - Johnson asked for nominations for the seat currently held by Kyle Lindstrom. A **motion** (Vanasse, Gherty) to nominate Kyle Lindstrom to be on the Trails Coalition Board of Directors. Johnson asked for further nominations; there were none. Johnson called for a voice vote and the **motion carried** with no opposition.

The seat held by Pam Kaiser - Johnson asked for nominations for the seat currently held by Pam Kaiser. A **motion** (Susan Heuiser, Johnson) to nominate Pam Kaiser to be on the Trails Coalition Board of Directors. Johnson asked for further nominations; there were none. Johnson called for a voice vote and the **motion carried** with no opposition.

The seat held by Marian Webber - Johnson asked for nominations for the seat currently held by Marian Webber. Johnson asked three times for nominations; there were none. The seat previously held by Marian Webber is an open seat. Susan Heuiser will put an announcement in the Coalition's social media platforms that a seat on the Board of Directors is available and the Board will proceed to interview and appoint a person to this seat at the earliest date possible.

3. Set next meeting date – Last Saturday in April 25, 2020 – The 2020 Annual Meeting was set for Saturday, April 25, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Berke, Lamers) to adjourn the meeting. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuiser, Secretary