

**MINUTES St. Croix Bike Pedestrian Trail Coalition - 2017 Annual Meeting –
April 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - Homestead Parklands, 550 Perch Lake Rd, Hudson, WI**
Items in Italics Indicate Additions to the Agenda

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

At ~ 10:30 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Mandel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~ 10:50 a.m.

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

ROLL CALL - Board of Directors members present were Mark Gherty, Susan Heuiser, André Johnson, Andrew Lamers, David Mandel, Mark Vanasse, and Tim Witzmann. Marian Webber was absent. Coalition members present were Mike Dineen, Ben Heuiser, Pam & Vince Kaiser, Mitch Lewis, Kyle Lindstrom, Ruth Steiner and Susan Stepka. Also present were Mike Steiner and Caren Witzmann.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Gherty, Johnson) to adopt the agenda. **Carried** with no opposition.

APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – April 30, 2016 – A **motion** (Witzmann, Lamers) to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the coalition
Witzmann invited participation from attendees in the Communications Committee’s outreach activities held mostly during the summer months at various community celebrations.

Stepka had attended the Earth Day celebration in Stillwater where she visited a trail coalition booth from White Bear Lake working to get a trail around that lake. She suggested participation in that event next year by this coalition. Follow up to occur in next year’s planning.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Review of Annual Report – Susan Heuiser detailed the body of the report and the financial information contained within the report. Tim Witzmann discussed the Communications Committee white paper included in the Annual Report and the workings of that Committee. André Johnson followed with information about the Hwy 64 Trails Corridor Committee and its white paper.
2. Nomination for and election of the Board of Directors seats currently held by Mark Gherty, Andrew Lamers and Dave Mandel
The first nomination and election addressed was the seat that has been empty since April 2016. Two people had responded to the Coalition’s request for a statement of interest and information about themselves and what they’d be available to do if elected to the Coalition Board. Pam Kaiser and Ruth Steiner each gave a brief statement of their interest in trails and the Coalition. Each member of the Coalition then received a ballot to vote. Pam Kaiser was elected to complete the term, ending in 2019, of the empty seat.
The next nominations were for the three seats currently held by Mark Gherty, Andrew Lamers, and David Mandel. Each of those Board members had indicated an interest in staying on the Board of Directors for another 3 year term. A **motion** (Lindstrom, Johnson) to elect all three returning Board members. **Carried** with no opposition.
3. Set next meeting date – Last Saturday in April 2018 – Susan Heuiser indicated the Annual Meeting is dictated in the Trail Coalition’s corporate documents to be the last Saturday in April – April 28, 2018 to be exact.

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Witzmann, Gherty) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuiser, Secretary

At ~ 11:00 a.m. Bike Ride around the Perch Lake area for interested attendees – There were both bikers who rode around the surrounding area roadways and hikers who walked on the park trails after the meeting.