



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIAWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:00 pm, Zoom Conference

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Chairperson Rodgers called meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a) *Present:* Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Dave Weber, Craig Bisson, Kathy Simon, Rick Church, Janice Gustafson, Ardelle Rodgers, Joel Wickham, Doug Hyland
 - b) *Absent:*
 - c) *Guests:* Jon Hayden
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting. Martin/Bisson M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** –Mr. Hayden commented that he and his dog walked/ran the entire trail over several days in the past month.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Wickham/Simon M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated that the MWMTA did not hold a meeting in December.
7. **Financial Report** –Treasurer's Report through December 31, 2020 - Treasurer Gustafson reported the following: Deposits - \$0 Disbursements: \$927.73 (Culham's mileage and quarterly fee). Ending Fund Balance is \$23,072.60, Grant Fund Balance is \$6,627.170 and Operating Fund Balance of \$16,805.43. **MOTION** to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Martin/Church M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham stated that it was a quiet month and there was not much to report. He thanked all the board and volunteers who have helped all year long with keeping the trail clear.
9. **Old Business-**
 - a) *Ad Hoc Nominating Committee* - All current board members whose positions expire in 2021 have agreed to run again. Openings for each county will be advertised on our website and Facebook page..
 - b) *Annual Meeting Planning (April 14, 2021)* – Not knowing what Covid 19 guidelines will be in April, Board discussed different ways to hold the 2021 annual meeting virtually. However, in the end, it was decided that there are too many barriers to overcome to hold an effective public annual meeting. Since our regularly scheduled monthly meeting is also on April 14, members are welcome to attend virtually on Zoom, but they must request the password in advance. We will still hold the election for board positions on that date. **MOTION:** Due to health concerns (Covid 19) we will not hold the 2021 Annual Meeting. Individuals can email their questions and/or concerns to cistrail@gmail.com. The 2021 Newsletter will be sent out as usual. Church/Hyland M/S/P

- c) *2021 Newsletter/Ballots (obtain approval for printing/ mailing costs)* - **MOTION** to approve the mailing and printing costs up to \$500 for the 2021 Newsletter/Ballots. Martin/Bisson M/S/P Simon working on article on American Indians. Church will prepare article on e-bikes.

10. New Business

- a) *Fourth Quarter Grant Report to MWMTA* –Gustafson sent report in earlier this week..
b) *Spring Clean Up* – Usually held around Earth Day (April 22, 2021), however Hyland pointed out that it is helpful to complete before the trees drop their leaves and before the leaves come out in the spring. Culham will coordinate with the volunteers/board around Earth Day in April before leaves come out.

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – Virtual meeting at 6:00 pm on February 10, 2021. Gustafson will set up Zoom meeting.

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Martin/Hyland M/S/P

Minutes taken by Kathy Simon