



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 14, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:01 PM.

**ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Present: 20**

Jerke	Baumeister	Noe
Griffin	Godfrey	Burd
M. Torell	Greene	Hammer
Coble	B. Torell	Kimble
S. Dunbar	C. Dunbar	Hirsch
Rosenboom	Bentrup	Wehrbein
Scoby	Sonderup	

**Absent: 10**

Hersey	Arp	Baker
Stevens	Ringlein	Case
Heinrich	Messerer	Collier
Warren		

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Roger Hirsch

- **ACTION:** *Motion by Coble to approve the October Meeting minutes. Seconded by Green. Approved.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Roger Hirsch on behalf of Jamie Warren

- GPTN Board Expenses and Account Balance reviewed. Current GPTN General Fund balance at the end of October is \$25,805.91.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Roger Hirsch

**Administration Committee** – Roger

- a) Trail Trek – Meeting Nov. 16
  - i) Meeting to be chaired by Roger Hirsch
  - ii) Marynelle mentioned she spoke to an potentially interested volunteer
- b) Letter Re South Bridge
  - i) Roger Hirsch stated that he received a letter back from Parks and Rec (Sara Hartzell) regarding the status of the South Bridge at Wilderness Park. It was reassuring.
  - ii) Gary Bentrup mentioned that PBAC will now help prioritize projects for the City.

- c) End of Year Sub-Committees – Awards, Election Slate, and Annual Meeting
  - i) Roger Hirsch stated he will be sending out an email within the next week regarding the current Board’s intentions for continuing on the GPTN Board.
  - ii) Gary Bentrup stated he is willing to head up the awards Sub-Committee. If you have ideas for awards, please forward to Gary.
  - iii) Ann Ringlein will head up the Election Slate. If you are interested in an Officer position, please contact Ann.
  - iv) Mary Torell will head up the Annual Meeting preparations. Will plan two Sub-Committee meetings in preparation. GPTN Annual meeting is set for February 26, 2017 at CHI Health Nebraska Heart.
  - v) Roger Hirsch reminded the Board that to be a Board member, you must be a GPTN member (annual membership fee)
- d) Christmas Party – Potluck and BYOB
  - i) Location is Forest Lake Estates Clubhouse, 6834 Summerset Court, from 6 to 9 PM. Marynelle will help organize the party. Will invite Sara Hartzell from Parks and Rec and new NRD Director.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Fundraising Committee – Gary Bentrup**

1. Paid for Trail Charts from the Trail Amenities
  2. Pioneers Park Phase III – commitment was \$60,000, but Gary stated the City said it may only be \$50,000. The shortfall could come from the GPTN General funds.
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Coble to reallocate Trail Trek funds to the Pioneers Park account within NTF from the Murdock Trail account within NTF. Seconded by Noe. Approved.*
3. Murdock Trail – Still owe a significant amount (\$195,812).
  4. Holiday Fundraising letter is almost ready to be printed and mailed.
  5. Lincoln Trail Kiosks – Hammer mentioned that she and Sara Hartzell discussed informational Kiosk for intersection trail, for example at the Rock Island and Hwy 2. Lincoln Cares has decided to help fund some Kiosks. Lincoln Cares asked if GPTN would like to help cover some of the cost of these Kiosks.
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Noe to coordinate with Lincoln Cares to split the cost and contribute to the purchase of informational Kiosks throughout the Lincoln trail system. Seconded by Mary Torell. Approved.*

#### **Trail Trek Committee – Committee Members**

- Meeting scheduled for later this week to discuss Trail Trek.

#### **Public Relations Committee – Steve Dunbar**

- No updates.

**Trail Use and Activities Committee – Marynelle Greene**

- No updates.

**Finance Committee – Corey Godfrey**

- Will meet in December.

**Government Relations Committee – Mary Torell**

- No updates.

**Administrative Committee – Roger Hirsch**

1. MOU with NTF

- a. Roger reviewed the purpose of the MOU including the exchange of information (reports) and exchange of money. Lots of discussion within the GPTN Administrative Committee and with NTF regarding multiple items which resulted in the motions below.
- b. 1% fee on new income as well as 0.25% on the total funds in the account for maintenance fees.

- **ACTION:** *Motion by Coble and seconded by Greene that the President of GPTN is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Trails Foundation, such Memorandum covering the relationship between the two organizations, including specifically the handling of donations, exchange or information, and assessment of fees. Approved.*
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Coble and seconded by Jerke that upon execution of and pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Great Plains Trails Network and the Nebraska Trails Foundation, the GPTN Board of Directors designates the GPTN Treasurer as it's Representative in administering the Memorandum. Approved.*
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Bob Torell and seconded by Jerke that the Great Plains Trails Network Board of Directors hereby directs and authorizes GPTN to acquire and use a Post Office Box for GPTN business purposes. Approved.*

2. Committee will meet to address annual meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS:**

- None

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Christmas Party on December 12, 2016 from 6 to 9 PM at Forest Lake Estates Clubhouse, 6834 Summerset Court.
- January 23, 2017 at 7 PM will be the next official GPTN Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Roger Hirsch at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary