



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 12, 2015, 7 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS:

Present: 17

Messerer Coble Wehrbein
M. Torell Godfrey Case
Warren Arp Hammer
Stevens Bentrup B. Torell
Griffin Noe Hirsch
Carveth Heinrich

Absent: 12

Baker Jerke Vannier
Rosenboom Dunbar Scoby
Burd Hersey Collier
Ringlein Sonderup Greene

Excused Absences: None

Guest(s): City Councilwoman Leirion Gaylord Baird

Minutes from September 2015 - Noe

- Amend minutes to reflect the cost of accounting services for NTF and removal of Dolan from GPTN Board Member absent list. Approval of minutes moved by Stevens and seconded by Coble. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Hirsch

- Brief summary by Hirsch given in absence of Hersey. Ending balance as of September 30, 2015 in the GPTN General account at Cornhusker bank is \$32,792.84.

President's Report – Hirsch

- Soon to follow.

Vice-President's Report – Noe

- Committee Reports as follows.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee – Bentrup

- Have raised \$303,539 of the \$340,000 commitment. \$36,000 still remaining. If there is a shortfall, the remaining will be made up by the Jayne Snyder Memorial Fund.

Streets Alive report – Bentrup

- Another successful year at Streets Alive. Great turnout. New location this year. Bicycle powered smoothies were served by GPTN Board members. Big thanks to Gary and Cara!

Government Relations – M. Torell

- No updates now.
- Hirsch requested an update prior to the next legislative session.

Public Relations Committee – Hirsch and Noe

- Steve and Roger were on KUZM recently (October 5, 2015). Great exposure for GPTN. Good questions during the radio show including questions regarding the Haines Branch and N Street.
- Noe stated 575 maps with GPTN stickers were handed out for Market to Market.
- GPTN volunteered at Market to Market at two locations (268th Street and the post-event party in the Haymarket).
- \$425 in donations to GPTN collected from Market to Market.
- ***Motion by Arp and seconded by M. Torell to move the \$425 in donations that GPTN collected during Market to Market to NTF and be earmarked for the Mopac Trail. Approved.***
- Will get \$1750 from Market to Market for the volunteering.
- ***Motion by Arp and seconded by Griffin, to move the \$1750 from Market to Market volunteer commitment to NTF and be earmarked for N Street. Approved.***
- GPTN volunteered at Zoofari recently. Good exposure for GPTN.

Trails Use and Activities - Hammer

- Homestead Trail update by Hammer. NRD to soon receive bids for Homestead repair and those repairs could be finished by the end of the year! Jamaica Trail repair lies with the City of Lincoln to get fixed. Jamaica Trail will likely take much longer to fix.

Trail Trek – Carveth

- Date of Trail Trek June 26, 2016.

Finance Committee – Godfrey

- Finance Committee met in September and reviewed the previous quarter's finances. Finance Committee to continue to meet once a quarter or more frequently if necessary.

Administration Committee – Hirsch

- NTF Statement of Financial Position reviewed.
- ***Motion by Wehrbein and seconded by Arp to designate the \$2,000 donation from the family of Jim Rynearson for the N Street Protected Bikeway. Approved.***
- Hammer mentioned that there is still an NTF fund for the Mopac. This needs to be listed on the active GPTN fund raising commitment list. Cooperation between Cass County and the NRD has been positive. Therefore we need to list the Mopac trail in the list of GPTN fund raising commitments. Issues pertaining to the Mopac trail may start to come up.
- ***Motion by Hammer and seconded by Stevens to add the Mopac trail expansion to the GPTN Fundraising Commitment listing. Approved.***

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Committee on Fundraising Procedures – Hirsch and Stevens

- ***Motion by Coble and seconded by Godfrey to add Scoby and Heinrich from GPTN to the Special Committee for fundraising committees and also add Austin McKillip and Glen Moss to this Special Committee for fundraising.***
- Purpose of the Special Committee is to review current procedures in which funds are raised and administered for the development of trails in Lincoln and the surrounding areas and make recommendations for the development of enhanced fundraising processes for future trail needs. The Committee will consist of GPTN members and non-GPTN members.

Annual Meeting and Awards Subcommittee – Hirsch

- If anyone wants to help with the Annual Meeting or Awards, please contact Roger.
- Roger requested for board members to also volunteer for the officer nominations special committee. If interested, please contact Roger.
- Griffin reminded everyone that December 14th the GPTN Annual Meeting will be at Olson and Associates. This will be a potluck event. Please let Karen know if you want to help organize.

Announcements and Calendar updates

- None to add.

Comments from Guest – Baird

- Thanked GPTN for their commitment and dedication to the Lincoln Trail system.

PROBABLE AGENDA ITEMS and NOTES for next Board meeting:

1. Cyndi Lamm from the City Council will be our guest for November.
2. Report from Mary Torell on probable legislation in 2016.

Next GPTN Board meeting:

- Jayne Snyder Trails Center, November 9, 2015, 7 PM

Adjournment at 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary