

SW Trails Board Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom video conference.)
September 22, 2022

Attendance

Board Members: Don Baack, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Laura Campos, Lee Buhler, Brian Brady

Guests: Jason Bergstrom, Ben Donora

Absent Board Members: Dave Manville, Barbara Stedman

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

After introductions Don made a motion to approve the agenda. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SWTrails Officer positions: Debbie said that we needed to elect officers to fill out the terms of President, Vice President, and Secretary due to the resignation of the President and Secretary.

Glenn moved that Debbie fill the President term until the next election, Don fill the Vice President position that Debbie leaves, Lee fill the secretary as well as treasurer position. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lee said the SWTrails balance as of 8/31/22 was \$41,068. The Hillsdale to LO Trail funding of \$110,000 was received. A separate bank account was set up for the grant. Also, a new account was set up for SW Trails at OnPoint Credit Union. The Umpqua account will remain open until we can make sure that all direct deposits have been transferred to the new account at OnPoint CU. These changes were approved by board motions at prior meetings.

Minutes: Brian made a motion to approve the August 24, 2022, SWTrails meeting minutes. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Debbie went over Christa's membership report. It is as follows:

Members August 2022

--New Members this month: 14

--Renewing Members this month: 4

--Total Members from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 129

Sponsors August 2022

--New Sponsors this month: 1

--Renewing Sponsors this month: 0

--Total new or renewing Sponsors this month: 1

--Total Sponsors from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 40

Donations August 2022:

--Memberships: \$343

--Sponsorships: \$200

--Total donations YTD: \$4085

This month's totals include donations from United Way and Network for Good as well as several others apparently received at Multnomah Days. Donations received between August 25 and 31 will be included in September's report.

Social Media: Debbie said we have about 1000 Facebooks and 800 Instagram followers.

Walks: Debbie said the October 3rd Saturday hike will be led by Emily and will go through Washington Park. It is 3 to 3 ½ miles and starts at the archery range.

Work Parties. Debbie will send work party information by email. Don said PBOT will remove dangerous stairs next to Terwilliger.

Sign Inventory Project: Brian said we are about half-way done. He displayed the map and assignments. Brian said he hoped it would get done by the end of the year. Debbie said Berri said it would be good to have SWTrails t-shirts to wear when surveying signs. Don suggested it would be good to offer vests as well. We will do some research and discuss again next month.

Projects:

Hillsdale to LO: Don talked about the bank account, signers, and checks for the project. Don said the permit is in the hands of the city. We have applied for the required hazardous materials insurance. He said it should not be expensive as there is only a small amount of material needing coverage.

Seymour Dr. and SW 25th Trail: Don said we should work on this permit again after we get the Hillsdale to LO Trail permit.

Red Electric: Don said Debbie and he went on a walk-around with Commissioner Rubio to discuss the Red Electric Trail. They also talked about some other trail segments.

Twombly: Don will write and ask for the permit.

Whitaker Trail: Lee said he went on a walk-around at the Whitaker trail between Barbur and Terwilliger. There were staff members from Commissioner Ryan's and Commissioner Rubio's offices as well as a representative from BES. Michael Harrison from OHSU was also there. OHSU would really like to see this trail fixed. OHSU would like a steel staircase with lighting for a portion of it. They originally budgeted \$100,000 for the project but are now running a deficit. Don said that the other element of this trail is a crosswalk across Naito. He said that this has also been put off for about 12 years.

Fiscal Sponsorships:

Beaver Festival: Glenn said the \$5000 funding came into the SWTrails checking account. Glenn and Laura will work up a list of people to be paid. They will get receipts for grant reporting.

Advocates Corner: Don and Glenn had a meeting with Commissioner Mapps about the reorganization of the City Government. They suggested ten commissioners so that SW Portland could have a representative. Glenn gave background on the Commissioner form of government. He said many city governments moved away from the commissioner form of government and none have gone back.

Proposal to Write a Letter to the City Re. Transfer of Funds from SW Nevada Ct. to SW 25th

Improvements: The letter had been emailed to the board and was displayed. Don moved approval of the letter. Brian seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Potential Bylaw Change: We will work on possible bylaw change to make membership vs donation clear.

Hybrid Meetings: Debbie talked about hybrid meetings. We will likely need new equipment. Debbie said she would like to form a committee to work on the technology issues. Debbie appointed Brian, Dave, and herself for that committee.

Hillsdale Community Good Neighbor Action Group: Don said the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association will be working on a good neighbor agreement with Ida B. Wells high school. He described the agreement. **Don made a motion that SWTrails be a participant in the discussions. Laura seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ben said the September 10 hike went well even though it was windy and smoky. Debbie said the September 17 hike had 15 people and also went well.

Upcoming Events

- Don said there will be the usual Thanksgiving Day hike.
- October 12, 1-3pm, Metro Trails Quarterly Meeting
- Multnomah Days 2023 will be on August 19, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:21

Follow-up:

- Deb to send October work party information from Dave upon his return
- Deb to send Transfer of Funds Email
- Deb to Form By-laws Committee and schedule a meeting
- Notify members (Brian, Dave, Deb) of the technology equipment for hybrid meetings, schedule a meeting
- Research cost of SWTrails t-shirts and vests

Submitted by:
Lee Buhler