

SW Trails Zoom Hybrid Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023

Attendance:

Board Members: Don Baack, Dave Manville, Laura Campos, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Lee Buhler, Brian Brady

Guests: Craig Cristy, Jason Bergman, Berri Hsaio, Rob Wilcock

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

Agenda: Debbie displayed the agenda. **Don made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of possible bylaw changes. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

December 15, 2022, minutes: **Dave made a motion to approve the December 15, 2023, minutes with a minor correction. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Lee said the SWTrails balance as of 12/30/2022 was \$159,128. Of that, \$45,576 was unrestricted. There is a balance of \$29 in the Beaver Festival Restricted.

Membership Report: Dave gave the following report for Christa:

- Members December 2022
 - New Members this month: 11
 - Renewing Members this month: 31
 - Total Members from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 201
- Sponsors December 2022
 - New Sponsors this month: 5
 - Renewing Sponsors this month: 8
 - Total Sponsors from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 61
- Donations December 2022:
 - Memberships: \$760.29
 - Sponsorships: \$2550
 - Total donations YTD: \$9225

Note: several of this month's donations had more than one name attached. Acknowledgement emails are being sent.

Social Media: Barbara said there are 126 Twitter Followers, 896 Instagram members and 1188 on Facebook. Barbara reminded people to send pictures.

Walks: The December 2nd Saturday hike went really well, even though people got wet from the rain. Wander starting at Smith Moonshadow Park, Dickenson Wood 6 miles. Lee said the third hike in December went well with 22 people and four dogs.

Work Parties: Dave said the first Thursday work party will be in Maracara Park. We will haul ballast and gravel to cover roots. We may get volunteers from Nike to help with brushing trails. Barbara said people on Facebook have left comments saying they would find it easier to volunteer on the weekends. Don suggested looking at removing debris on the Raz Baack Crossing.

Sign Inventory Project/Website: Brian shared his screen on the sign project, and he said we are 100% done. He said there turned out to be 716 signs. He said 32 signs need to be replaced and 37 are missing. They met with PDOT to work on those signs.

Website: Brian has been working on the website. He and Debbie are meeting monthly to discuss the website.

Projects:

Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail: Don said we are within a week of having permits. He said they have changed the way the permits are processed, and it now goes through several hands. Don will order the bollards soon as well. The insurance requirement for the sign manufacturer has been waived by the State as they did not see anything to insure.

Red Electric Trail: Don said the design of the trail section near Shaddock is underway. He has a meeting with Commissioner maps to talk about the section of trail east of Barbur.

Seymour & 25th: Don said the permits have been applied for.

Ashcreek: Dave said they have finished 7 steps and have 8 more to go.

Tunnelwood: Dave said we have gotten approval from all the adjacent neighborhoods. The work party is scheduled for February 19th and several neighbors have volunteered.

Fiscal Sponsorships:

Beaver Festival: Laura said she and Glenn are working on it and hope to get the application done soon.

Tool Library: Jason met with PBOT and they plan to put the tool shed under the Bertha viaduct.

Advocates Corner:

- Don suggested giving 4T Trail patches to people who come on our walks
- Rep. Dacia Graybor wants to do a walking town hall.
- Dave thought it would be 2-3 miles and hopefully on a route that includes things done with State funding. Don said he would like to talk about possible legislation that would help walkers. Don said we did this last year with Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran and it went well.
- Don said they went on a walk around with Parks on Sunday Parkways and another walk. The route in southwest will be in September and will probably go around the Multnomah neighborhood. They also talked about a walk for the grand opening of the Capitol Highway project.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be at the Thursday February 23 Board meeting.

Bylaws Changes: Don said the City of Portland has a rule that charities that get funding cannot have memberships that require a fee. He said we also have to allow for the record keeping required by the State. Dave said it is a little more complicated to have a membership and donation/membership. He suggested carefully working out wording for that item.

The Bylaw Committee will meet on Monday, work out the wording and send it to the board for approval. The members will then vote at the General Membership meeting in February.

Next Meeting: The next meeting, which will include the General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23, February.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:30pm

Submitted by
Lee Buhler