

Minutes

Friends of the Outlet: Board Meeting: January 20, 2016

Present: Mickey Orr, Dave Reeve, Norm Koek, Peg Thompson, Gwen Chamberlain, Nancy Tharp, Hatter Reynolds, Ivan Oberholtzer, Tom McGuigan, Charles McClure (on Skype)

Absent:

Visitor: Carol Worth & Rob Schwarting from Rotary, Dave Roddy, past president

Minutes: Norm moved to accept the minutes and seconded by Hatter. Motion was passed.

Financial Report: Norm gave report and talked about the expense of QuickBooks, showing us a proposed comparison of accounting solutions. Hatter put a program together that will be free to us. Dave Reeve moved that we buy QuickBooks. He reported that we would get free help from Jim Carey and it would enable us to keep track of accounts. Norm seconded his motion for discussion. There was discussion and still many questions. Purchase of QuickBooks was tabled until the next meeting. Dave moved to accept the report, Hatter seconded. Motion was passed.

Committee Reports

Membership: A mailing was sent out. The mailing needs to have a phone number spot on it. Hatter has since corrected that and it will be on future mailings. Gwen is going to email press releases to other area newspapers.

Website: Hatter is working on a link for people to make donations through PayPal. Gwen had questions about how PayPal works and how we get the money into our account. Hatter and Dave answered them.

Bylaws: Gwen handed out bylaws from 2002. She suggested that we need a comprehensive look at them and update them. Chuck recommends we continue to make minor changes and update, also we should contact our rep at Land Trust and ask where things are that were promised to us and why haven't we gotten them. Chuck also knows a lawyer in Syracuse who does work for non-for-profits. The committee will play with it some more before the April meeting.

Old Business:

Trailer: The issue has been settled.

Right of Way for Greenwich project: Greenwich is urging us to go ahead with the legal work. Peg will contact Don S. to see what he thinks.

April Cleanup Day: April 9 tentatively.

Membership premiums/barbecue event: Hatter showed a decal that we might use. Hatter suggested having them in multiple colors. Peg will get pricing from different companies.

Barbecue: An event to celebrate members. Chuck suggested that we get some corporate sponsors. This is supposed to take place on the trail with date announced in April: Gwen suggested July 31. We will need a count of how many will attend.

Land Donation: Going to be settled soon.

New Business:

Change in Meeting Day: Dave withdrew the request.

NYS Department of Transportation-Insurance coverage: Wants us to have insurance coverage to walk under the bridge on Rt 14. Dave Roddy reported that this same letter gets sent out every 2 years and to ignore it.

Volunteer Forms: Norm will get a copy of the one used by the Lions club for us to look at.

Meal event:

Logging: Tim Hanson reported that we have timber on our property that is worth quite a bit of money. Dave suggested that we look into the proper management of the trees along the trail and right-of-way to preserve the woods and promote new growth. He feels we should not miss this opportunity for the revenue it will bring. Dave will ask Tim to have a knowledgeable person come to the next meeting.

There was discussion on signage for the trail.

Dave reported that we don't have an actual rate for insurance yet.

Board gave approval for John to investigate cleanup costs for the old dump sites.

Tom asked if he could plant a tree between two large rocks along the trail in memory of a loved one. Everyone agreed.

Next meeting will be on February 17, 2016 at 7 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.