



Monthly Membership Meeting

January 20, 2024

<<Clarion Eagles>>

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Attendance: 82

1. Officer Reports

a. President

- i. Thank you everyone for coming tonight.
- ii. We are working on the future of the trail – Applying for Grants.
- iii. Ride before New Years was a successful good ride.

b. Vice President

- i. Working on obtaining Grant money.
- ii. We now have enough bridge matting for bridge 1. We will just need to coordinate when we will be replacing the ties with the matting.
- iii. Feasibility study is now complete. All the I's have been dotted and T's crossed.
- iv. March 30th Grant applications open.
- v. There are used ties available to purchase for 12\$ EA. There are 80 available.

c. Treasurer

- i. Profit and Loss for 2023. Income \$46,316.25. Spend \$18,000.00.
- ii. Account balance of \$45,287.20.

d. Committee

i. Maintenance

1. We are going to have a lot more maintenance days this year, Especially right before the holidays.
2. Dave Safranoss brought in a crew and an excavator on the Eastern end of the trail by 28. They cleared and pushed back the brush along the trail and really opened it up.

ii. Newsletter

1. Newsletter will be going out the first of the month.
2. Sponsors let Dixie know of any events you are putting on and she will include it in the newsletter.

iii. Special Events

1. Ginny Kodrich will be heading up special events for 2024.
2. Looking to do some pop up rides this year to show people the trail.
3. There is a club from Erie that would like to do a joint ride this year TBD.

iv. Fundraising

1. Deb doing a 50/50 tonight.
- v. Sponsorship
 1. Need new sponsors and sponsor renewals for 2024. This helps raise money for the club.
- vi. Membership
 1. 1/15/2024 we have 278 members. 291 stickers going out.
 2. Member stickers are numbered for 2024.
 3. Membership packets not picked tonight will be mailed out.
 4. 2023 finished with 541 members.
 5. Non renewed members will have an application mailed to them.
- vii. Social Media
 1. Please watch our face book page for upcoming events.
- viii. Merchandise
 1. New merchandise is available tonight.
 2. You can purchase new merchandise and have it mailed to you.
2. Old Business
 - a. Feasibility study.
 - b. PRO's / CON's
3. New Business
 - a. Piney Rail Corridor purchase plans
 - b. DCNR Grant application
 - c. Application Regional Commission Grant
 - d. Corridor Appraisal
 - e. Matching funds (Land, Volunteer time, Volunteer materials, Volunteer equipment)
 - f. Dollar for Dollar
4. Brian Huwar
 - a. Talked about Feasibility study.
 - b. Grant applications
 - c. Acquisition of Trail
 - d. Poll to be mailed out to members for: Acquisition, Donations, Membership fees,
 - e. Multiple routes to acquire trail (Grants – Fund Rasing)
 - f. Finding out Grant CAP that is available.
 - g. Had to have feasibility study complete before applying for Grants.
 - h. Working on appraised value of the RR corridor.
 - i. Need to figure out what to do if the grants require a 50% match.
 - j. Met with several Representatives on how to proceed for Grants – Fundraising Grants.
 - k. Asking for member donations for Grant matching funds.
 - l. Several options on how to proceed to apply for Grants / Acquisition of the trail.
5. Tonight's meeting was recorded Face Book live on the Members only FB page.
6. Pete wright won the 50/50 \$169.00. Pete donated his \$85.00 winnings back to the club.
7. Motion to Adjourn 8:11 PM