

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 15, 2018
MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on November 15, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: Mick Myers (Chair), Amy Rucker (Treasurer), Chris Hollingsworth, James Jens, Lee Lokker, Melissa Post, and Dan Wildermuth. Also present were Ashley Pethan (Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota) and Terry Thone (Thone Drone, LLC).

The meeting began with discussion of the drone video that Terry Thone created of the Pipestone trail section.

APPROVE AGENDA

Melissa Post asked to add her discussion with Brad Kruisselbrink to the agenda. Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Chris and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with that addition.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Chris, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the September 13, 2018 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit and loss statement and balance sheet were distributed. Amy reported that she had been contacted by a potential donor with a request for additional financial information and meeting minutes, which she provided. She also distributed conflict of interest statements for members to sign.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Chris and unanimously carried to approve the treasurer's report.

BUSINESS

1. Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: Ashley Pethan, Friends Group Coordinator at the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota (PTC) talked about the PTC's renewed commitment to supporting Friends groups. She showed the new section of the PTC website for Friends groups, talked about a potential networking/educational workshop for SW MN Friends groups in 2019, and talked about a grant guide that PTC publishes every year which should be released in January. She also said that the PTC can provide liability coverage for some Friends events; e.g. 5Ks on the trails.
2. DNR Update: No one from the DNR was able to attend.

3. Brad Kruisselbrink: Melissa talked with him and said that he is willing to meet with us. She recommends that we develop two options from which he can choose one. He is going to research what it will cost to replace his quonset. It was agreed to have our next meeting in Woodstock and we will invite Brad to join us.
4. 2019 Work Plan: Mick said that we should develop a 2019 work plan. We need to look further ahead as well. What will the next segment be? What will our next ask be?
5. Facebook: Melissa Post volunteered to create a Facebook page for the Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association. Motion was made by Lee, seconded by Chris and unanimously carried to approve the creation of that page.
6. Donations: It was discussed that we could have a better process for recognizing donations. One aspect could be an automatic lifetime membership to the Association for large donors.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Staci's Bar & Grill in Woodstock.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Amy Rucker for Deb Nelson, Secretary