

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION ELECTRONIC MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Mike Zinnel, Janet Timmerman, Lori Gunnink, Dan Wildermuth, Gaelynne VandenBosch, Erica Volkir, Tom Steffes, Stephanie Korver, Jim Jens, Chris Hollingsworth, Jessica Welu and Jason Walker.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Lori and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda with the addition of "Photo Contest."

**TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Deb presented an invoice from SRDC. Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Janet and unanimously carried to approve the SRDC invoice for payment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minnesota Scavenger Hunt**

Deb informed the Board that she has submitted the hunt items and prize for the scavenger hunt. She purchased a book "How to Carve a Pipe", a turtle key chain carved from pipestone, and a deck of Midwest Birds playing cards from the Pipestone Indian Shrine Association as part of the prize for the scavenger hunt. She also received several items from End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum and Lake Shetek State Park.

**Logo**

Jessica from SRDC presented the final draft of the mock ups for the new logo for the Friends group. After extensive discussion, motion was made by Mike, seconded by Deb and unanimously carried to approve logo #1, design #2 without "Pedal the Prairie."

**Amy Rucker Replacement**

Janet mentioned that she has two employees at End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum that she thought might be interested in serving as Treasurer for the Friends group – Jakob Ertheim or Rose. Both are very detailed oriented and either one would be a great asset to the group. Janet will find out and let the board know.

**Bonding Update**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the bonding bill has been put on hold at this time. It would be beneficial for the Friends group to create more visibility with the trail and it is vital that we get

strong support from our legislators. Discussion then followed on ways to create more visibility with the Casey Jones State Trail including:

- Create a photo contest.
- Talk to local photographers – ask that they consider submitting their photos of the trail.
- Start posting more content and photos on our Facebook page.
- Share photos and trail happenings on different community group pages.
- Check with local 4-H's for photos.
- Share content and photos via Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram.
- Paint rocks and place them on the trail.

#### DNR Update

Chris was unavailable to give an update to the Board.

#### Ribbon Cutting at Woodstock

It was the consensus of the Board to put this item on hold until we hear the Governor's next Executive Order. It would be nice to hold an in-person ribbon cutting versus a virtual one.

#### Planning Discussion

Mick informed the Board that the July meeting would be a planning discussion meeting. We would like to develop an action plan/timeline to keep moving forward with finding funding for trail acquisition and maintenance and development.

#### Annual Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this item will be tabled to a future date.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Friends will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Location to be determined pending the Governor's next Executive Order.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Deb Nelson  
Secretary