

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION ELECTRONIC MEETING
MAY 20, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Bruce Johnson, Mike Zinnel, Chris Ingebretsen, Lori Gunnink, Jim Jens, Colleen Tollefson, Stephanie Korver, Chris Hollingsworth, Jason Walker, and Jessica Welu.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Mike and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Wilson Trailhead Sign

Mick informed the Board that the sign is done, paid for and ready to be picked up in Shakopee. Due to COVID, it will be some time before Mick and Dan are able to pick it up.

Accept Resignation of Amy Rucker from the Casey Jones Board

Boardmember Deb Nelson informed the Board that she had received an email of resignation from Amy Rucker. Amy is taking on a new position which does not allow her to remain on the Board. Amy said she would be more than happy to keep up with Treasurer activities until we find a replacement.

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Deb and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Amy Rucker.

Website and Facebook Page

Discussion was held regarding the Friends website and Facebook page. There are currently three Facebook pages as follows:

- One page that is administered by Chris Engebretsen.
- One page started and administered by the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce.
- One page that Facebook generated.

It was recommended by Jessica Welu to merge the Facebook page administered by Chris and the one administered by the Chamber into you page.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Bruce and unanimously carried to table this item until the June 11th meeting.

Mowing at Lake Wilson Trailhead

Deb informed the Board that her husband, Kindel Nelson, is willing to mow the trailhead again this year.

Motion was made by Lori and seconded by Mike to approve Kindel Nelson to mow the Lake Wilson Trailhead as he has done in the past. Upon roll call vote; Ayes: Mick, Bruce, Mike, Lori, Jim, Colleen, Stephanie, Chris, Dan; Nays: None; Abstain: Deb, motion carried 9-0-1.

DNR Update

Chris updated the Board sharing the following:

- The segment of trail to Woodstock is almost complete. There is a small punch list of items that need to be taken care of and once they are done, the trail (base bid) will be complete. There are still three bid alternates that will need to be addressed once funding is acquired.
- There are 4 locations on the first five-mile segment (Pipestone segment) that is showing significant cracking.
- Volunteer day for the cleaning up the 1.5-mile segment West of Lake Wilson is not allowed due to COVID.
- There is no formal agreement with Murray County yet to allow mowing of the Lake Wilson segment by Murray County.
- Roseann Schauer shared with Chris that the Currie Loop trail has been swept and tree trimming has been done.
- Chris will be attending the flood plain meeting regarding flooding on the trail.

SRDC – Logo

Jessica shared several mock ups of the new logo that she prepared using the information from the survey that was sent out earlier and during a meeting with Mick and Deb. It was the consensus of the Board to have Jessica prepare another set of mock ups as follows:

- Combine the oval logo into a circle;
- Adjust the bike trail from rail;
- Add a bike on the trail; and
- Include “pedal the prairie.”

Jessica will prepare the second draft of the logos and bring before the Board at their June meeting.

MN Scavenger Hunt

Deb informed the Board that the Friends group has been invited to partner with Minnesota Parks and Trails Council to offer kids and families a safe way to experience parks and trails either in person or virtually online through the MN Scavenger Hunt program. This is really great way to showcase and bring attention to the Casey Jones State Trail.

Discussion followed with the consensus of the Board to have Deb prepare the hunt items and prize plan with Park and Trails. Once this is all set up, we will need to advertise and promote the scavenger hunt.

Ribbon Cutting

Discussion was had regarding holding a virtual open house for the Woodstock segment of the trail. This matter will be discussed further during the June meeting.

Annual Meeting

This item will be discussed during the June meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends will be June 11th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary