

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MARCH 29, 2018
MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on March 1, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: Jim Jens, Ron Qualley, Lee Lokker, Chris Hollingsworth, Mavis Fey, Dan Wildermuth, Tom Petell, Phil Nasby, Mike Zinnel, Amy Rucker, Bruce Johnson, Mick Myers and Deb Nelson.

APPROVE AGENDA

Amy requested to amend the agenda to include the land west of Lake Wilson to be used a walking trail. Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Bruce and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Chris, seconded by Jim and unanimously carried to approve the March 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Amy distributed the Profit & Loss statement and Balance Sheet as of March 28, 2018. She also distributed an updated Membership list.

Amy stated two tickets have been received for the Lake Wilson Community Club Spring Dinner on April 21st. The Friends pay for the membership and Amy asked if anyone was interested in attending the dinner. Dan Wildermuth stated he would be willing to go.

Amy shared she needed to switch the website to a different platform at a cost of \$50.00.

Amy then stated the Friends had received an invite to participate in the Table Setting Tour in Pipestone with no one interested in this event. She also shared an invitation to the Parks and Trails Annual Dinner.

Motion was made by Bruce, seconded by Mike and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Resolution

Deb shared she had prepared the resolution and sent to the appropriate Legislators and Governor as requested.

Minnesota Parks & Trails Day on Hill Update

Bruce shared he was unable to attend this Day on the Hill but one of the major topics from this event was allowing motorized vehicles on trails. He encouraged board members to go to the Council's website and get more involved. He also shared Parks and Trails Council continues to do acquisitions.

DNR Update

Phil informed the Board that he hasn't rescheduled the drive through yet on the next five miles to Woodstock. He assured board members the project will happen this year. He then introduced Mavis Fey, Split Rock Creek State Park, and Tom Petell, Blue Mounds State Park, and stated Chris was unable to attend the meeting because he was in Florida.

Mavis informed the Board that she is in charge of maintenance on the trail and to contact her with any concerns.

Mick then shared the Community Roadside Landscaping Program and asked Phil if he thought we could use this for the Pipestone Trail Head. It's a program through MnDOT and we would need to decide what to have at the trail head and where. Phil requires contact information which Mick will provide.

Route Meeting Through Woodstock with Dan and Brad Kruisselbrink

Dan stated he has been unable to meet with Brad but will continue to try setting something up with Brad.

Walking Trail – West of Lake Wilson

Amy asked if it would be possible to make the trail west of Lake Wilson into a walking trail and if so, what would be needed to begin this process. She stated she has walked it before and felt with a little leveling and mowing, it would be a usable walking trail.

Phil stated a plan would need to be put together and brought before the Lake Wilson City Council to see if they would be willing to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the DNR for maintenance of the trail. Amy and Deb volunteered to meet and develop and plan to be presented to the Lake Wilson City Council.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting has been scheduled for June 5th or 6th at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone at 2:00 p.m. Discussion then followed on the program. Bruce informed the Board that someone from the Minnesota Parks & Trails Council would be more than happy to speak at the annual meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to invite someone from Parks & Trails to speak and to have drone images to share with everyone present.

It was mentioned to invite the City Council of Lake Wilson.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Deb Nelson
Secretary