

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2015**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened their Annual Meeting on June 11, 2015 in the Murray County Courts Building at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Amy Rucker, Serrina Martinez, Phil Nasby, Nancy Spooner-Mueller, James Jens, Dan Wildermuth, Ron Qualley, and Bruce Johnson.

President Mick Myers called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by James and unanimously carried to approve the June 4, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amy distributed the 2014 Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. We have \$21,177.29 of which \$1,000 is earmarked for benches.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mick summarized a few highlights of 2014-2015:

- It was a non-bonding bill year but letters were sent to legislators anticipating a special bonding bill session for 2015.
- 75 bikers participated in the Tour of Minnesota Bike Ride.
- 100 bikers participated in the Harlan's Blast (South Dakota) bike ride.
- 900 bikers and workers participated in the TRAM ride that started in Pipestone.
- 425 signatures were received supporting the Casey Jones State Trail.
- DNR has gone out for bids for grading and an aggregate base on the next three mile segment of the trail to Woodstock.
- With the generosity of Ron and Judy Qualley and Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, the Friends were able to purchase two lots in Lake Wilson that lie directly adjacent to the Casey Jones Trail.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Deb made a motion, seconded by Amy and unanimously carried to elect Deb Nelson as Secretary; Amy Rucker as Treasurer; Louise Gervais, Gene Short, Marge Short, Serrina Martinez, Ron Qualley and Mike Zinnel as Boardmembers.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Deb informed the Board that Andrew Oftedahl from Parks and Trails Council thought 2016 session would be a short one. He also mentioned that it was the 125th anniversary of the trail system.

Deb said that the Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail Associate are invited to present their bonding bill request to the Parks and Trails Council on August 12th. She said she would put together a PowerPoint presentation. If it is not possible to present in person, it can be done online.

Discussion was then held regarding our request for funding anticipating a special bonding bill session. Phil Nasby suggested increasing our request to include an engineering study and along the three mile segment on Highway 30 in Murray County as an alternate route to fill the gap to Lake Wilson along with future land acquisition.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Since there was no guest speaker, Deb brought her laptop and projector to show members present the proposed route of the Casey Jones Trail.

Deb Nelson
Secretary