

FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
MINUTES

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on the 23rd day of September 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Slayton. Members present: Mick Myers, Amy Rucker, Ron Qualley, Phil Nasby, Dan Wildermuth and Deb Nelson. Ex-Officio member Glen Livermont.

President Mick Myers called the meeting to order.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Amy and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as it stands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Deb and unanimously carried to approve the July 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes and the August 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Amy distributed the Profit & Loss Statement for January 1st through September 23rd. The donations were from Ron & Judy Qualley and Dale Nepp. The outgoing donation in the amount of \$3,049.00 was to Parks & Trails to pay for the land in Lake Wilson. There is \$19,952.79 in the checking account of which \$1,000 is earmarked for benches.

BUSINESS

DNR Update

Phil shared the following:

- The aggregate base and grading was completed the week of September 14th for a total of three miles completed.
- The bridge abutment on the East Fork will be shored up next week.
- Land owners are becoming more accustomed to not being able to use the trail.
- 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the state trail system which started with the Casey Jones State Trail and it is also the 125th anniversary of the DNR park system.

Sign Setting Committee

The sign has been ordered and Deb and Mick shared that they felt the Public Works Department would be more than happy to install the sign. Phil will have Lee meet with Scott Swanson, Public Works Director, to pick a spot to install the sign.

Ideas for Handout Piece

Discussion was held regarding updating our current 5 x 7 handout card. Phil suggested having pictures of the grading of the next three miles.

Support Casey Jones Trail Button

Mick brought a sample of a button that we could hand out to individuals supporting the Casey Jones Trail. It was felt that the counties should be removed from the button and adding the website.

Community Concerns

Dan shared that Mick had visited with Bill Weber and Joe Schomacker at the last County Commissioner's Meeting. Mick stated both Bill and Joe felt very confident of funding less any major disasters.

Glen shared August 25, 2016 is the 100th birthday of the National Park Service and Saturday, September 26th is National Public Lands Day at the National Monument. He invited everyone to help manually collect seeds.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 11:30 at the Slayton Pizza Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary