

MINUTES St. Croix Bike & Ped Trails Coalition Board of Directors
Somerset Library, 208 Hud Street, Somerset, WI, March 13, 2023, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mark Vanasse, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Board members present were Mark Gherty, Susan Heuser, Pam Kaiser, Kyle Lindstrom (via Zoom), Paul McGinnis (via Zoom) and Mark Vanasse. Tim Witzmann was also present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Vanasse, Gherty) to adopt the agenda. **Carried** with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. Several topics were discussed as follows.

Witzmann reported information about Federal Redistribution Funds of \$67 million for TAP grants in Wisconsin (\$206 million total funds in WI) have been made available for trails. He was thinking of the County’s STH 35 trails as possible applicants.

Kaiser reported that WI Bike Fed Governmental Affairs Manager, Colin Mead, is planning visits to local communities in the state and is wondering whether he should be invited to the March 20th Tourism event. General consensus was that it would be great to have him here anytime but, if March 20th is too soon, May 22nd would be a good time for him to be in the area.

Vanasse and Witzmann discussed the Landing Hill project in the Town of Somerset. Some things have changed as County regulations were applied to plans there so it may be time to touch base with St. Croix National Golf Course to see where shared access might be available now. Witzmann will make that contact.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – December 13, 2023; January 10, 2024, and February 14, 2024 – A **motion** (Lindstrom, Gherty) to approve all three sets of minutes. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors Communications Committee – Witzmann had nothing to report.

Financial Report – There was no financial report.

Healthier Together – McGinnis had nothing to report from the group about trails.

Pathway – Heuser reported work continuing on CTH K on the east side of the City and at the Sather Nature Center.

Others that may be available – Other reports were given as listed below.

Lake Mallalieu Trestle Park – Gherty reported a completed concept plan and a preliminary cost estimate for a park on the water in this area has been received by the Committee. Committee members are working on which stakeholder currently does what tasks in the area and a cost estimate for maintenance of a park that could be built there. A request has gone out from the Committee to the National Park Service person who will review any plans for scenic river compliance once there is an official proposal on record at the Village of North Hudson asking him for his preliminary assessment of the proposed amenities so that information can be utilized when further plans are considered.

Tourism – Gherty reported an outstanding program for the March 20th Roundtable and is hoping attendance will be good as the roundtable discussion begins talking about how to cooperate around tourism issues in a region. The next event, likely a larger gathering, is May 22nd.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Hudson Community Expo Sunday, May 5th – Participation? – Heuser reported the fee is \$150 for nonprofits. Discussion led to general consensus that this is a good venue to get information about what the Coalition is working on out in the area. Heuser will fill out the paperwork to be a participant.
2. Authorization to Pay Liability Insurance – likely cost \$400 – A **motion** (Gherty, Vanasse) to pay the \$400.00. **Carried** with no opposition.

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3. Annual Meeting – April 27, 2024, Time and Place – Several Directors will not be able to attend an Annual meeting on this April date. Other conflicts for that time of year arose. A suggestion was made to have the Annual Meeting after one of the Board of Directors meetings. Finding a date proved difficult so setting this meeting was moved to the next meeting’s agenda.
4. Banking Details – Following discussion of banking details and several banking advantages First State Bank and Trust offers nonprofits, a **motion** (Vanasse, Gherty) to move the Coalition checking account to First State Bank and Trust in Hudson. **Carried** with no opposition.
5. Conversation with County Community Development Staff and Trail & Outdoor Recreation Organizations General consensus of those who attended this meeting was that 1) it was good to see the County involved with other organizations in the area, 2) if these meetings continue, planning ahead and working together will bring better results for the County, and 3) it was a very refreshing give and take between the County Community Development staff & Chair of that committee and the various organizations in attendance.
6. Goals and Objectives – This item was not discussed.
7. Communications Plan – Witzmann will have proposals in April.
8. Membership – Vanasse encouraged everyone to get their membership documents in.
9. Others – No other topics were presented.
10. Set next meeting date – April 10, 2024 – The next meeting was set for **April 10, 2024, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. at the Somerset Library.**

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA –Hudson Expo Planning, Annual Meeting Details, Goals and Objectives, Communication Plan, Membership

ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Gherty, Vanasse) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuiser, Secretary