

## AGENDA St. Croix Bike & Ped Trails Coalition Board of Directors

March 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

Items in *Italics* Added After Publication of Agenda

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kyle Lindstrom, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~6:30 p.m.

The meeting started with introductions all around because Mary Beth Mataya was visiting.

**ROLL CALL** – Board members present were Mark Gherty, Susan Heuser, Pam Kaiser, Kyle Lindstrom, Paul McGinnis and Mark Vanasse. Dave Mandel was absent as was Alternate Andrew Lamers. Also present were Ben Heuser, Janet Lindstrom and Mary Beth Mataya.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. There was no public comment.

**REPORTS** - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors.

Communication Committee – The issues considered at this Committee meeting will be addressed in reports and agenda items further down the agenda.

Financial Report – Vanasse discussed the Financial Report. McGinnis had some questions about the format of the report. Susan Heuser, McGinnis and Vanasse will meet before the next Board meeting to clarify concerns.

Healthier Together – McGinnis reported on progress in the goal setting process for the next 2 years for this organization. In addition, the group would like the Trails Coalition to make a presentation at its next large group meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> updating the group on the trail implementation process in St. Croix County. McGinnis and Gherty will put together a presentation for that meeting.

Pathway – Susan Heuser reported on a set of statistics regarding how the trails, parks and outdoor recreation facilities/opportunities have increased in the last 15 years in the City of New Richmond – considerable increase all around. A testament to the Committee and the City working together on a long-term vision.

Beyond the Loop – Susan Heuser reported new signage for the portion of the trail as it ends in New Richmond in the Doar Prairie area is waiting for spring to complete. This is a joint effort between the City of New Richmond and St. Croix County.

Fat Tire Event in New Richmond – Kaiser reported on the three-day event the last weekend in January. She reported a high energy level by volunteers and participants alike. 300 participants rode in the actual Fat Bike World event but there were several other shorter races during the weekend as well. Participants from a wide range of midwestern states joined the WI and CO group holding the event. A fun time had by all. The event may be back in New Richmond in 2023.

UP RR Trestle Properties - Gherty reported on the details of the application the Trails Coalition filed with the *Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance* program of the National Park Service. The property owners surrounding the Lake Mallalieu Basin each supported the application as did other area professional organizations and individuals interested in the success of the project. Award notification should be available in mid to late April with a start up date for discussions about the project beginning possibly as early as May 2022.

Others that may be available – There were no other reports.

**ITEMS** for discussion and/or action

1. Approval of 2022 Budget – Vanasse went through the budget proposals in various categories in depth as well as the theory behind those proposals. Following discussion, a **motion** (Gherty, Kaiser) to approve the 2022 annual budget. **Carried** with no opposition.

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2. Status of TAP Grant applications – In early 2022, there were three TAP Grant applications filed by municipalities along the Hwy 64 corridor between the Loop Trail and the Somerset community. In addition, St. Croix County filed an application for Phase 2 of its proposed trail between the Hudson community and the Loop Trail. Maps defining the various filings were available to review. Each of the applications contribute to extending a trail network connected to the St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail. Grant award information will be available in August/September of 2022.
3. Hudson Expo- May 1, 2022 – Gherty led the discussion about the Expo referencing specific topics discussed at the Communications Committee earlier in the week as well as his discussions with Hudson Chamber of Commerce staff about facility details. Suggestions about how to draw attendees to the booth were discussed. General consensus among the group was that this would be a way to reach a lot of people about the organization, its initiatives and vision. A **motion** (Gherty, Kyle Lindstrom) to approve \$150 fee for the Hudson Spring Expo. **Carried** with no opposition.
4. Coalition Marketing Material Distribution – Susan Heuser indicated availability of 3 types of outreach materials for members to place in strategic locations or hand out at events detailing the Coalition’s mission and initiatives.
5. Memorial to André Johnson – Vanasse reported the Somerset area experienced another unexpected, high-profile death that has slowed discussion of what type of memorial for Johnson the Coalition is considering. The intent is to have options to consider by the end of the 2021-2022 school year and to consult with Johnson’s family about those options before proceeding with a definite plan.
6. Empty Seats on the Board and Committees – Heuser reported the status of empty seats on the Board, Committee and Alternate positions of the organization. None of the seats are required to be filled currently so considerations can continue indefinitely.
7. Others(s) – There were no other topics presented.
8. Set next meeting date – April 13, 2022 – The next meeting was set for April 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA** - Annual Meeting Planning, Insurance Payment, Hudson Expo Details, Memorial for André Johnson

**ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA** – Annual Report at the Annual Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT** – A **motion** (Vanasse, Gherty) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Heuser