



# Musketawa Trail



**Millennium Trail 2000  
National Recreation Trail 2008**



## **MINUTES FROM:**

**Thursday, June 7, 2018  
7:00 p.m. Ravenna Village Office  
12090 Crockery Creek Road**

**Meeting Called to Order by Tim Nink: 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting attendance:** Tim Nink, Diana Holovka, Donna Christensen, Joan Schmitt Oscar Reed and James Smith

Tim Nink: reading letter of resignation letter of Sharon Davis from group and position as Secretary. In a note she declined ex-officio designation.

Tim Nink opens the floor for nomination for a new Secretary. Diana Holovka nominates Donna Christensen to the position of Secretary. Donna Christensen accepts nomination. Nomination was seconded by Joan Schmitt and passed by all members present.

**Review of Minutes:** After review, motion was made, seconded to accept and approve the minutes from October 5, 2017, meeting.

**Treasurers report:** Diana commented on a report of donations from trail members from January 2018 to current date. It had been decided to do this twice a year. We have current balance of \$17,763.99 in bank, including Gold Spike funds. Net income year-to-date - \$2,287.75. Please refer to financial report for details.

Rental of PO Box was due and \$37 was paid for six months. League of American Bicyclist membership of \$75 was due for renewal. Tim stated the \$1.00 per rider - \$146 - was paid and will explain. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted for the Treasurer's report.

**Correspondence:** most correspondence made through "contact us" on website. Most want map brochures, they are either directed toward web location or a physical brochure is sent out. A lady asked about items on trail property, she was directed to inquire of the DNR for those questions. Diana reported that we received correspondence from Rick Szczepanski thanking the board for the donation collected during our annual dinner for the Mary Szczepanski "Never give up MS Scholarship Foundation".

**Trail Managers Report:** George not present. Tim reported that he rode the trail to Ravenna last night and found a couple of trees were down but by the time he returned home one of the downed trees had already been removed. There were lots of holes and spots damaged by groundhogs presumably, George has been busy patching a few (by Muskegon) with more to pop up. George has also been busy mowing. Ottawa-Conklin area looks good.

**Gold Spike Trail Tour:** DNR land use fee for Gold Spike IV ride was waived with our volunteer hours. (If you can prove volunteer time). Laminated info sheets posted at Kiosks for advertisements, sponsor sheets put out on tables at the SAGs and registration area. Seven reprints due to late sponsor involvement. 2 Porta-Johns \$170 plus \$ 75.00 extra to remove them quicker to appease Meijer totaled \$245. Extra 50 certificates were printed for \$20.00. Sent a package with a couple t-shirts, keychains, wristbands, etc. to the two contacts at Meijer. Event insurance 735.84. Gold Spike IV's total income: \$7785, total expense: \$ 3997.91 with a net profit of \$3787.09. Please refer to Gold Spike IV financial details. Fee had been increased by 5.00, but this event is the most profitable so far.

One lady was hurt, a ground hog ran out in front of her, (pioneer section) she hit it, and fell. 911 was called, she went to hospital. Tim called later in the night, she incurred a wrist fracture and a hip fracture scrapes and bruises, she was released and is getting around with a cane. 9 registrants did not show up. Weather was good. Tim would like us to do another such event but does not wish to coordinate in future but will assist anyone who wishes to take on the task.

**Website:** Need to upload pictures from Gold Spike. Got several from Karen Gentry from Michigan Trails magazine. Tim's daughter took some pictures at Marne. Tom Lindrup took some (collage) pictures as well, may need to be separated into individual photos. Update group info, information updated on blurbs about the group and Berry Junction Trail and Pioneer trail. Might need to update Trail manager phone numbers, George and Oscar's contact info.

Website update, Tim updated website and saved \$325.00.

**Trail newsletter:** ideas for content beyond Gold Spike, (Diana said it won't come out till October) ideas for newsletter call or email Diana.

Ed purchased two pink dogwood trees, originally promised to Mary Larsen, the DTE bench area might be hard to water there. Might be better near Broadway. Greg Sherburn approves.

**Current Expenditures:** \$63.58 for 2 dogwood trees. Motion made and passed to reimburse Ed for cost of trees. Diana has an \$75.00 expenditure for League of American Bicyclists membership fee and also paid \$7.25 postage to ship box to Meijer contacts for their Gold Spike assistance. Total from both \$82.25. Motion made and passed to reimburse Ed & Diana. A check for \$120.00 for Pentwater to Hart bicycle ride was issued for sponsoring Tim on the 12-mile ride.

**Trail Project list:** , Memorial bench request. Harold's bench still pending.

Have new Musketawa trail t-shirts made. Original logo might have become skewed. Donna to correct before t-shirts are made. Positioning of logo and perhaps a blurb on back of shirt: Diana suggests "Established 1996 and still going" (would be better not to date shirt) positioning to be decided. Big logo on back.

Propose to replace wood on old picnic tables and put mulch underneath picnic tables. Diana suggests the possibility of using new resin composite low maintenance material rather than wood. Price comparison. Tim will look into cost. Joan suggests that she may like to donate an entire new table with a memorial plaque for Jim. Tim will look into the cost. Possibly an idea for Harold's memorial too.

Observation deck on Swanson road, early fixes need to be stained, Oscar volunteered to do. Shelter structures 16x16 with concrete pad underneath. Tim will get quote, comes as a kit (\$7k estimate) fund by possible grant, or sponsorship, or earmark use of Gold Spike funds.

Bike repair stations (DNR is positive on those) metal post to fix your bike on with air pump attached and tools fixed (Can't be stolen) try in Ravenna first.

Tim also suggests replacing old sign (installed before Muskegon to Ravenna was paved) old sign is falling apart. Possibly replace sign when benches are done. Contact Kristi Voss - re: maps James suggests grinding down large old stump on site to clear area, plant grass. Diana mentioned cost of insurance to be shared on Caboose, (\$200 to split) Tim will look into.

Motion to adjourn made and carried at 8:20.

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