

FRIENDS OF THE

Musketawa Trail



Millennium Trail 2000
National Recreation Trail 2008



MINUTES FROM:

**Thursday, May 7, 2015
7:00 p.m. Ravenna Village Office
12090 Crockery Creek Road**

Meeting called to order by Ed Holovka at 6:58 p.m.

Meeting Attendance: Ed & Diana Holovka, Gary DeKock, Tim Nink, Mark Fritsema, George Czinder, and Oscar Reed

March 5, 2015 Minutes: After review, motion was made and passed to accept March 5 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Diana presented the board with the status of the checkbook reflecting a balance of \$11,873.11. There were no April expenses. A May expense of \$19 for flash drive for photos was approved to reimburse Diana. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial report.

Correspondence: Ed stated we have had some donations but he has not finalized the amount & how many.

Trail Managers Report: George gave report on repairs, usage, and new signs. He also said he will reinstall the trail crossing arm at the Ravenna trail head.

Gold Spike III 2016: Report given by Tim – we have one sponsor who has mailed in their donation with another soon to be received. There was a discussion about Meijer regarding gift cards, Meijer bags for “goodies”, etc.

Website: Mark reported the web site has gone live but there is a lot more to be done. Photos are needed from past to current. Mark stated the cost may not be as much as quoted before by another vendor.

Caboose: The gravel bed has been put down. We want to take pictures when the caboose is delivered.

Trail Projects: The memorial benches are still on hold. George will reinstall the crossing arm. Ed talked about a plaque for the donor of the metal art bike rack at Ravenna. Discussion on painting the caboose and caution regarding lead based paint. Informational kiosk at Ravenna water tower is temporarily on hold. Historical photos are needed. The Rio Grande Creek observation deck is in need of staining and should be done this season. Installation of three recognition plaques and where they should go was discussed. A discussion regarding donation of funds to other trails, i.e., Fred Meijer Pioneer Trail, if requested was agreed by board members.

Trail Brochures: Ed is promoting the distribution of trail brochures and asked for locations.

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Promotion of Trail: Ed wants to promote usage of the trail head at Broadway. Discussion followed about Tom Anderson having a community awareness program that is aired on television. It was also discussed to replace the port-a-jon at the Broadway trail head and locate it a more open area. This will be added to the West Shore Snowmobile Council's grant. This was approved by the Board.

Tim reported on the Berry Junction trail and how they were coming along. Mark reported on several other Michigan trails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes taken by Oscar Reed and typed by Diana Holovka

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