

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the May 20, 2020 Meeting
Near West Edgewood Parking Lot

Attending: Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon, Janeen Osborne, Lori Henley, Kathleen Henley, and Trish and Tim Rielly

1. Kathleen Henley reported the treasury balance is now \$339.70 after \$200 was donated to the Jefferson City Parks Foundation for a trail condition sign. She also completed the Secretary of State's form as required and was reimbursed the filing fee of \$11. Several members have sent in dues for this year.

2. There was discussion about using the app Venmo to receive dues electronically. A sticking point had been the need for a phone number and email address to be associated with the account. Celeste and Kathleen will work together to try to get a Venmo account set up.

3. Celeste reported there are currently 162 members in the Facebook group.

4. The trail condition sign was discussed further since the group had communicated by email with those that sent in dues and some specifics were not given then. The stay-at-home order resulted in large numbers of people using the Frog Hollow Trail, which was good, but more than 5 inches of rain in 10 days at the same time led to many sections being really muddy; a trail conditions sign would certainly have helped. Those present were pleased the group had sufficient funds to contribute to a sign.

5. Lori Henley volunteered to post some information about Jefferson City Trail Users at her work, and those present were reminded that the group has some large magnets that can also be used if appropriate.

6. Celeste reported the group has paid for a booth at the University Extension's Fall Festival on September 12. If the virus does not cancel the event, the group has a good location to sell pictures as a fundraiser. Last year 3,400 people attended this event.

7. There will be opportunities for Trail Users members to volunteer at the NICA high school mountain bike races at Binder Lake on Oct. 24-25. This is the first year Missouri will have high school mountain bike racing and Binder Lake is the championship course. There are at least 18 teams from around the state signed up at present.

8. On June 6, there will be a trip to Prairie Garden Trust from 10 am to noon. The details will be announced. Social distancing will be observed.

9. A Trail Users member, Michael Jones, intends to put up a station for doggy poop bags at the entrance to the Frog Hollow Trail. The city reports they have also ordered another doggy poop station to be installed along the Greenway.

10. The information about ordering a Jefferson City Trail User shirt will be put on the website. Shirts will also be given to two Boy Scouts who are helping to maintain the Frog Hollow Trail.

11. ORTA continues to make progress on trails at Binder. No new work sessions have been announced.

12. The next meeting date is June 17th from 6-7 pm at the same location just west of the Edgewood Greenway parking lot.