

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the May 12, 2021 Meeting
At Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Brandy Bergthold, David Kemna, Lori Henley, Celeste Koon, Janeen Osborne, Jane Lester, Mike Lester

1. Kathleen Henley was in the ER the day before the meeting so Celeste told her to postpone sending the treasury and membership.

2. There are currently 304 members in the Facebook group.

3. The Trails Challenge kickoff was successful and Alexis Kerman from Parks says that 88 people have registered so far. The event was in the paper and eight sponsors were obtained: Red Wheel Bike, Love Sushi, Last Flight Brewing Co., Big Whiskey, Dick's Sporting Goods, Burger King, McDonalds, and Las Trojas. David Kemna and Mike Lester volunteered to contact a couple more businesses to see if they would like to be sponsors. People have been posting pictures on the Facebook page for the Trail Challenge.

4. The Get Acquainted hike to Prairie Garden Trust will be held on May 16 unless there are thunderstorms. Meet at the commuter lot on the east side of Highway 54 near the airport at 1:30 p.m.

5. The Get Acquainted hike to Ha Ha Tonka will be held on June. 12. More details to come.

6. Frog Hollow trail work will be held on May 23 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

7. The group reviewed the letter that was sent to Blaine Luetkemeyer supporting H.R.1864 which would increase funding for the Recreational Trails Program. Janeen Osborne signed it after the group decided last month to send a letter.

8. The Trail Users group has a booth at the Cole County Fall Festival on September 11 and will try to sell more pictures. A photo contest is proposed in advance of this and the committee working on the project will need to meet starting in about July. Members can volunteer to help if they want to participate in the event which is an annual fundraiser.

9. The group reviewed a packet of materials about invasive species. Linda Vogt prepared this and it will be used as a guide while doing trail work.

10. The Missouri NICA middle school and high school mountain biking races will be held this year for the first time. The last one in the series will be held on Halloween on trails at Binder Lake. Volunteers will be needed to help put on the race.

11. The Rock Island Trail seems to be gaining some support. There is hope that the Missouri State Park will accept the right-of-way from Ameren in December.

12. Discussion was held about the proposed trail behind the Fire Station on East McCarty Street. Money from taxpayers was used to purchase the property, but nothing has happened due to opposition from neighbors.

13. The next meeting date will be June 9th from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewery.