

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the July 14th, 2021 Meeting
At Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Lori Henley, Celeste Koon, Kathleen Henley, Janeen Osborne, Jane Lester, Mike Lester, Brandy Bergthold, Rick Thom, Amy Hedrick

1. Kathleen Henley reported the Treasury has a balance of \$765.67 and we have a new member.
2. There are currently 331 members in the Facebook group.
3. The Trails Less Traveled Challenge drawing for prizes will be held at 9:00 am on July 31 in Washington Park. Mayor Tergin will draw out the names and all those who registered with Parks will be invited to attend. Celeste and Brandy will set up an awning, table, etc. Those who have green shirts will be encouraged to wear them.
4. Frog Hollow trail work will be held on July 18 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Meet at the main parking lot on Edgewood. Bring loppers.
5. Parks has hired a new staff person to oversee trails. His name is Kevin Schwartz and he used to work for Progressive Bike in Arkansas. He has experience with trail design and maintenance. He has been busy chainsawing at Binder due to recent storms.
6. Celeste reported that Missouri NICA is still planning to hold the Championship race of the fall series at Binder Lake. It will be on Halloween. On a recent NICA coaches call there was some discussion that Columbia and Warsaw have an interest in hosting the championship race at some point in the future. Due to the substantial economic benefit of having Binder Lake as the championship venue, the group agreed it's important to work on keeping the race in Jefferson City.
7. The group reviewed the letter that was sent to Parks commending them for nice improvements in Washington Park.
8. Discussion was held about the Greenberry Acres Trail. No one at the meeting was very familiar with the trail. Rick Thom agreed to go look at it and see if any recommendations should be made.
9. Celeste reported on the litter cleanup on the Katy trail for National Trails Day and Brandy reported on the Ha Ha Tonka Get Acquainted Hike.
10. Places suggested for Get Acquainted hikes in the fall are: Ha Ha Tonka Turkey Pen Hollow trail, Rock Bridge State Park, Matson Hill, Three Creeks, Finger Lakes, Scrivner Conservation Area, Runge Center, Easley to Cooper's Landing on the Katy trail.

12. The group is planning to have a booth at the MU Extension Fall Festival on September 11th for a fundraiser. A committee of volunteers will work on the pictures and frames. Those interested should meet at Celeste's house, 1017 Holly, on July 25 at 1:30 pm. Rick Thom will send some pictures along with others.

13. A renewal of the ½ cent city (not county) sales tax will be on the ballot in August. It has provided funding for greenways and parks improvements too. The group decided to take a position in favor of the sales tax renewal and will support it on Facebook and the website. (I tried to find a web address for a list of the proposed projects but did not find one yet.)

14. The next meeting date will be August 11th from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewery.