

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the January 12, 2022 Meeting
Via Zoom

Attending: Janeen Osborne, Jane Lester, Mike Lester, Celeste Koon, D'Arcy Graham

1. Kathleen Henley could not attend but reported the Treasury has a balance of \$288.42. One membership was renewed in advance for 2022.
2. There are currently 455 members in the Facebook group.
3. Good news! In December Missouri State Parks accepted the right-of-way for the remaining 144 miles of the Rock Island Trail. The Bicentennial Bridge was also opened, which provides a way to get to trails on Adrian's Island.
4. The next Get Acquainted hike will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 1:30 pm. Jane and Mike Lester will guide members in touring the Bicentennial Bridge and Adrian's Island. Meet at the entrance to the Bicentennial bridge which is just west of the circular parking garage at the Capitol. If the weather is bad, the hike will be postponed to Saturday, February 12. The March Get Acquainted hike will be a 4-mile hike on the Moon Loop trail just north of the Columbia airport. More details to come when a weather forecast is available.
5. Frog Hollow trail work will be held this Sunday, January 16, from 3:00- 4:00 pm. Meet at the main parking lot on Edgewood just west of Highway 179 and bring a shovel or loppers. If the weather is too bad, or the trail is too soft, the trail work might be cancelled. Call or text 573-644-3199 if you have questions.
6. An eagle picture was obtained from photographer Dan Bernskoetter and framed. The picture was advertised for sale for \$75 on the Facebook Trail Users page and on Facebook Marketplace, but it has not sold. Celeste will repost and if the photo doesn't sell, group members suggested a couple of other options.
7. Those attending the meeting were in favor of cooperating with JC Parks for another Trails Less Travelled Challenge of 22 miles in 2022. Celeste will find out who is the Parks contact this year since Alexis went back to school and is no longer at Parks. The challenge will be held during May, June, and July again. Planning and preparation will need to start in February.
8. Celeste reported on an article in the paper about improvements for the trails at Binder. The Trail Users group donated \$800 for the materials for new signs on the trails. Celeste thought at one meeting the group had mentioned donating toward kiosk improvements in the coming year, but she would like to know if that is actually what members want to do. If you have comments, let her know.

9. Kevin Schwartz is on vacation now, but Celeste will check with him later to see if longer work sessions need to be scheduled at the trails at Frog Hollow and Green Berry Acres. She will find out what needs to be done in addition to eliminating some bush honeysuckle.

10. Missouri State Parks is now accepting grant applications for the Recreational Trails Program. The group has prepared letters of support in the past for applications for greenway and natural surface trails. Those attending the meeting are in favor of doing this again if needed.

11. Celeste will contact Kathleen Henley to see if she can generate a new QR code for the Binder trails. There is a new map and a new link for those trails.

12. The next meeting date will be February 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be by Zoom if Covid is still a big concern, or at Last Flight Brewing Co.