

Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the February 9, 2022 Meeting
Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Amy Hedrick, Brandy Bergthold, Lori Henley, Celeste Koon, Kevin Schwartz, Scott McClerran, and David Crenshaw; D'Arcy and Stella Crane stopped by to visit.

1. Kathleen Henley had to be absent but reported the Treasury has a balance of \$288.42.
2. There are currently 494 members in the Facebook group.
3. There will be a Get Acquainted hike on the road at Binder. Meet on Sunday, March 13 at 1:30 at the old Bait Shop off of Henwick Lane. On April 2, there will be a 4-mile out and back hike on the Moon Loop trail just north of the Columbia airport. Meet at the commuter lot on the east side of Highway 54 at 1:00 pm, or at the trailhead at 1:30 pm.
4. Frog Hollow trail work will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Meet at the main parking lot. Bring lopping or digging tools. Stay as long as your schedule allows. Call or text 573-644-3199 if you have questions. Additional trail work will be done at Frog Hollow on the Serve JC Day, April 23. This will be from 9:00 am to noon. More details to come.
5. Another Trails Less Travelled Challenge is planned, with participants doing 22 miles during May, June, and July of 2022. The kickoff will be on May 1 again. Watch for announcements. The cost of a t-shirt will be \$15 this year. There was quite a bit of discussion on this.
6. The group discussed the need for an improved kiosk for trails at Binder Lake and the need for better signage at Frog Hollow. Kevin Schwartz estimated the cost of signs at Frog Hollow to be \$500-\$600. There was agreement that new signs are priority and the group decided to donate to this project first. Trail segments will be named at some point.
7. Celeste will ask people soon to renew their \$15 annual membership.
8. The next meeting date will be April 13, 2022 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be at Last Flight Brewing Co.

Additional items that we didn't have time to mention:

The April city council elections are coming up. Some current council members want to take away approximately \$200,000 a year from the Parks budget for the foreseeable future. Over five years this would remove \$1 million for city administrative tasks--a lot of money that will not be spent on city parks maintenance and improvements. The vote several years ago to fund city parks with a sales tax had language that the money was supposed to be used only for parks. So the proposal from a couple of council members appears to

contradict the intended use of the money. The proposal did not pass in the Council's last budget, but is certain to be brought up again this year. Members of the Trail Users group living in Jefferson City are urged to ask questions about a candidate's position on financial support for Parks in deciding who to vote for in April.

Mike Lester also reports that there is a bond issue to improve Jefferson City's sewage treatment on the ballot, and there are many benefits to this proposal.