



**Friends of SMARTrails  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 9, 2024  
Kaleva Community Center  
6:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Zachary Pawlowski, vice chair (by phone); Linda Cudney, Secretary; Jacque Erdman, Treasurer; Dave Myers; Claire Richard

**Board Members Absent:** Rob Carson, Elaine Gibbs, Mark Coe, Bonnie Brown

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order by Zachary Pawlowski, vice president at 6:15 PM.

- I. **Consent Agenda** It was motioned and supported to accept the consent agenda. AIF. Motion carried.
  1. **July 15, 2024 Board Minutes**  
Motioned by Jacque, supported by Dave to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2024 meeting. AIF. Motion Carried.
  2. **Treasurers Report and Payment of Bills**  
Jacque did not have a Treasurers report, but stated that there was only interest accrued, plus she has not received a bill from Pro Web for the month.
- II. **New Business :**
  1. **Onekama Trail Open House**  
Claire manned a table and reported that she thinks it went well from the SMARTrails perspective. She set the new map on the easel and had a lot of interest. She reported that the room was set up for a good flow. She was not sure about how the "Onekama Renewel Trail" went, but waiting for a report from Ric Alamedine. Thanks Claire and Bonnie for attending this.
  2. **Registered Website Domain**  
Zach asked if anyone remembers who had the registered website domain. It is registered thru Go Daddy. Everything is ready for the website but cannot get thru. If this can get figured out, we will not need Pro Web and SMARTrails will be in full control of the website. Jacque has a Jim Gribble file and will look back and see if she can find anything. Linda will look back in her notes before being secretary and see if she can find anything.

## Old Business:

### 1. EDA Update

Rob reported in an email that the DNR is moving thru the process on the EDA Grant. It seems the state of Michigan does not have the manpower to see things thru.

### 2. Reports from different trail entities

Dirtbirds: file is attached to minutes from August 17, 2024 meeting.

### 3. Letter of Support for Village of Kaleva Bathroom/Trailhead Facility

Rob wrote a "Letter of Support" from SMARTrails to the Manistee County Community Foundation (see attached copy of letter).

### 4. Trail Flip Chart of Manistee County Trails

No update. Linda will ask David Jarvi at the County Recreation Commission if he found the information on the County Planning computer, which Rob had mapped out prior.

## III. Other Business

1. **Recreation Commission Update:** September meeting was cancelled due to Labor Day and will be tomorrow night (September 10, 2024).

### 2. Festivals

Only 2 left. Rusty Fish is October 5, 2024 and Chief Day on October 12, 2024. Zach will put "SMARTrails Rack Cards" in the riders packets.

### 3. Quote from Tent Craft

Zach should have a quote for the tablecloths, tent, flag and/or banners from Tent Craft by the October meeting.

## IV. Board Members Comments/Correspondence

1. Linda reported that Rob had sent her information from MDOT regarding pedestrian-focused projects along state highways named "Carbon Reduction Program Grant". Linda replied to Jessica Carpenter by email and received an email stating that MDOT was pleased to work on the trail along the southwest side of M-115, with crossings to the Village of Copemish. Survey and design work are expected for the winter of 2025, with the project scheduled to be let in the fall of 2026 and constructed in 2027. Both the Village of Copemish and the Township of Cleon have completed a "Complete Streets Resolution" and sent on to MDOT.

V. **Adjourn.** Motioned and supported to adjourn at 6:59 P.M.

**Next meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 in Kaleva at the Community Center. This was changed due to the scheduled meeting of October 14, 2024 (Columbus Day) which a few people could not make it on that date.**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:

**Linda Cudney, Secretary**  
**Friends of SMARTrails**