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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for May 2018

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May is Bike Month! Get out and ride.

Highlights from our April 26, 2018 membership meeting:

Attendance: John Van Boxtel, Jim O'Rourke, Ron Cattelan, Ross Kroll, Jim Genrich, Cliff Wall and Rebecca Nyberg.

Treasurer's report: Bank balance: 3,547.89.

Ron Cattelan has decided to step down as treasurer at the next meeting in July. Thank you Ron for your 8 years of service! In the last month Ron, Ross Kroll and Ken Nyberg have met to determine a transition plan for the treasurer's position. Going forward, Ken Nyberg will receive checks and cash donated to the group. He will record them and give them to Ross for deposit. Ross will monitor the Pay Pal and checking account.

Brown County Parks report: John Van Boxtel reported that BC Parks is hiring a new manager to replace Rick Ledvina, who has moved to another job. The staff is checking the trail and doing annual maintenance. They are gearing up for the spring crowds and summer events.

Grant applications: Rebecca Nyberg worked with BC Park staff on a grant application to upgrade the signage at the kiosks along the trail. This includes plans for a new station at the Brown/Calumet County line. If received, WI State Parks would provide \$1,000, Friends FRT would contribute another \$1,000 and BC Parks staff would install the new signs and facilities. Rebecca applied for another \$100 grant for plants at the kiosks.

Website/Facebook: Ken Nyberg visited over 40 businesses close to the trail and asked them to help sponsor the website and donate to Friends FRT. Thanks to his efforts, we now have enough sponsors to cover the cost of running the website, with a few dollars left over for our general donation fund.

Please thank the sponsors for their generous donations:

- Union Hotel & Restaurant
- Zesty's Frozen Custard and Grille
- LedgeStone Vineyards
- WE BIKE, etc., LLC
- Betty and Cliff Wall
- Bodilly Furniture & Repair
- Jim O'Rourke, Realtor
- First United Presbyterian Church of De Pere
- Foth Company

Cliff Wall was able to re-activate the Facebook page he created for Friends FRT in 2015. He will be handing over admin rights to our webmaster and she will link the two together. More to come on that soon.

Work Day:

Saturday May 12, 2018

9-11 am

St Francis Park area

Meet at the parking lot off Riverside Drive just south of St Francis Park

Buckthorn/ general clean-up day

Bring your mom along. A fun family day!

Friends FRT merchandise: Rebecca Cleveland, owner of The Bike Hub approached Friends FRT asking to sell branded merchandise as an on-going fundraiser.

Details:

- The Bike Hub will contact a supplier for merchandise. Ex: water bottles, hats, bike jerseys
- The Bike Hub will set up a webpage for on-line sales.
- 50% of the profit from the sales will be donated to Friends FRT on a regular basis.
- Friends FRT can purchase items at wholesale cost for resale or giveaways.
- Other businesses can contact The Bike Hub to purchase items at wholesale cost. They must agree to sell for the set retail price and give 50% of the profits to Friends FRT as a donation.
- Ken Nyberg agreed to be the contact between The Bike Hub and Friends FRT.

The vote was unanimous to set up a merchandise sale program.

Friends FRT future events: There was a discussion about having some fun Friends FRT events for members. A small group will be planning a summer party – stay tuned for details. Also discussed was a Christmas time Santa ride.

Next quarterly meeting:

Thursday July 26, 2018

7 to 8:30 pm

Gallagher's Pizza on Webster St