

**Friends of the Paint Creek Trail
Held at the Paint Creek Cider Mill
April 20, 2023 6:37 PM to 7:45 PM**

Attendance

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| 1. Louis Carrio | Board President |
| 2. Mike Jahn | Board Vice-President |
| 3. Clara Pinkham | Board Secretary/Treasurer |
| 4. Dan Butterworth | Board, Trail staff |
| 5. Melissa Ford | Trail Manager |
| 6. Anne Jahn | Board |
| 7. Jean McBride | Board, MPG Coordinator |
| 8. Ella Della Torre | |
| 9. Frank Della Torre | |
| 10. Tom Fisher | |
| 11. Sue Cronizer | |
| 12. Cindy Person | |

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM
 - President Carrio welcomed all and recognized new members Sue Cronizer & Cindy Person
- ❖ Approval of Agenda and December 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to accept made by Anne Jahn, second by Mike Jahn, approved unanimously.
- ❖ Financial Report – Clara Pinkham, Secretary/Treasurer
 - The ending balance of \$20,704.34 was reported.
 - Motion to accept by Jean McBride, second Anne Jahn, approved unanimously.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Trailways Commission
 - In response to a question by Mike Jahn, the steady-state funding of the MPG was clarified by the Trail Manager, Melissa Ford. The Trailways Commission is responsible for ongoing MPG costs and has a restricted fund for this purpose.
 - Motion to accept with slight modification to the MPG reference was made by Clara Pinkham, and seconded by Dan Butterworth, approved unanimously.
- ❖ Operations Manual is still a draft but is near ready for review and approval.
- ❖ Trail Manager’s Report, Melissa Ford
 - National Trails Day, June 3rd: A ceremony is planned at the Paint Creek Junction. The Trail will have a table at the event and the Friends are invited to share the table. Mike Jahn will represent the Friends, and will be joined by Clara Pinkham, and other members wishing to participate. The participation of the Friends will be discussed in detail at the next meeting, May 18, 2023.
 - A number of grants have been explored, notably one with the potential to fund the replacement of the bridge at 31.7 designed like the 33.7 bridge, Reference December-13-2022-Meeting-Packet.pdf (paintcreektrail.org) for more information. The Spark grant was denied by the State.
 - A counter will be installed on the Trail-see meeting package.
 - PCT Brochures will soon be distributed at all 14 Michigan Welcome Stations.
 - PCT received Pure Michigan designation and the possibility of appearing in their ads and literature.
 - A 40th Anniversary of the Trail 5k event is planned for November, possibly the 11th or the 18th
 - A new Trail Manager has been hired and will start Monday, April 24th. Name to be published soon.
- ❖ Members Cronizer and Person questioned the Trail use designation, and raised concerns about passing, discourteous, speeding cyclists. Trail Manager Ford and President Carrio acknowledged the problem as thus far unsolvable.
- ❖ Bald Mountain access to be developed near the Archery area off the PCT. Tom Fisher discussed.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by Anne Jahn, second by Jean McBride, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Clara Pinkham, Secretary/Treasurer