

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 28, 2006

- Meeting is called to order.
- A motion is made by Marty Osborne and seconded by Dave Rumohr to accept January minutes. Chuck Mabley made a motion to accept the November minutes, which was seconded by Marty Osborne.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley shows an end of the month of February balance of \$5,567.67. Motion made by Marty Osborne to approve the report and seconded by Rich Platz. Report is accepted.
 - We have been asked by the Trail Commission if the FMOT would like to be a sponsor for the new trail brochure. Rich Platz makes a motion that we accept the offer and it is seconded by John Tarantino.
 - Chuck Mabley is reimbursed for the \$100 for the Richmond Ice Festival sponsorship.
 - There will be an audit of the checkbook in April.
- Trail Commission Meeting (courtesy Chuck Mabley):
 - There was a site review plan update.
 - Richmond is working on rerouting the trail within a three acre section in the area of 33 Mile and Armada Ridge.
 - The commission is proceeding with prototype sign boards. The amount of \$4,000 was approved for the signage.
 - Neil gave the commission an update on the covered bridge project and presented the preliminary final design.
 - The anticipate submitting final trail plans in the next few weeks and bids will be complete by June.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
 - Neil presented the preliminary final drawings to the FMOT.
 - As it stands, he will get back to the engineer and architect and finalize the blue prints.
 - Next will be figuring out cost and labor. Prospects look good for starting this year.
- Macomb Land Conservancy presentation by Tony Feldhus and Russ Mester
 - They shared that our missions are similar and would like to work closely with us.
 - The MLC has made the MOT a priority (along with land near East Pond Creek near Romeo.)
 - They would like to be able to acquire land in Richmond Township and Armada Township. Any assistance we can give them would work to both of our benefits.
- Membership Update (Dave Rumohr) – John Tarantino makes a motion that we send postcard reminders. This is seconded by Marty Osborne and accepted.
- Newsletter – Ted Gondert presented a draft of the next newsletter.
- Historian – Rich Platz brought the scrapbook to the meeting noting that it includes the “good, the bad, and the ugly” of our quest to bring the trail to life. He would also like any articles found pertaining to the trail for the scrapbook.

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FMOT Secretary*

- After discussion about the Romeo Peach Festival, a motion is made by Dennis Tipsword that we plan on attending this year. This is seconded by John Tarantino and passed. There is a \$50 refundable deposit to charities. The FMOT will be responsible for liability insurance. Applications will be taken through April 1. The days are Labor Day weekend (Saturday, Sept. 2 – Monday, September 4) at Crosswell Elementary School.
- Dennis will talk to the organizer, Chuck Pottenger, of the Lupus Alliance Bike Ride to find out when the volunteers are needed.
- There was discussion about setting up a booth at the Good Old Days in Richmond (the weekend following Romeo Peach Festival).
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Dave Rumohr and seconded by Chuck Mabley.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Russ Mester
 Ted Gondert
 Eric Douglas
 Jim Kaatz
 Rich Platz*
 Chuck Mabley*
 Dennis Tipsword*
 Marty Osborne*
 Neil Kocsis
 Dave Rumohr*
 Lee Rumohr
 Christine Hamilton*
 Tony Feldus
 Al Goetzinger

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