

## **Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail**

### **Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

- Meeting is called to order.
- A motion is made by Chuck Mabley to approve current meeting agenda and is seconded by John Tarantino.
- A motion is made by Chuck Mabley and seconded by Marty Osborne to accept March minutes.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley shows an end of the month of March balance of \$5,451.32. Motion made by Marty Osborne to approve the report and seconded by John Tarantino. Report is accepted. Rich Platz makes a motion to reimburse Chuck Mabley for postage and printing of newsletters. A check for \$795 was made out to the Macomb City Planning and Development for race registration fees paid to FMOT. Chuck also asked if the budget looks reasonable, which everyone agreed it was. The checkbook was audited and found to be perfect.
- Secretary's report (Christine Hamilton) – She received a phone call from an eagle scout interested in getting in touch with the FMOT.
- Trail Commission Meeting (courtesy Chuck Mabley):
  - At the meeting it was announced that \$65,000 from the Greenways Commission was acquired for safety expenses.
  - There has been a delay in the land transfer by 33 Mile and Romeo Plank.
  - The design to MDOT for 13 foot wide bridges on the trail has been verbally supported.
- Neil Kocsis is going to put most recent brochure on website so it can be printed off.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
  - Bridge design has been shipped off to engineer.
  - The engineer had a few concerns about roof and that architect had moved location of some timbers. So the engineer will be “tweaking” architect's design.
  - There is a chance that trusses will be used instead of timbers.
  - Something will have to be figured out about discouraging bird roosting.
  - The engineer has said that this is now his busy season, and that he will do his best with getting the design done.
  - The goal is to get construction done this year.
- Peach Festival update is that the registration was sent several weeks ago and Rich Platz is trying to get a hold of them. He thinks the organizers will probably place us after the profitable placements. He is hopeful of us getting a prime spot, but we never know. He will continue to keep trying to get a hold of them.
- Good Old Days update is that Richmond's TIFA trailhead project was sent to MDOT along with Phase II and Phase III.
- Rich Platz poses the question about the dumping problem. Seems that a resident along the trail on Phase I is dumping clippings on the right of way. An idea is that we suggest letters to be sent to residents along the trail on regulations.
- Membership Update (Lee Rumohr) There are 139 paid members to date.
- Newsletter – Thanks to Ted Gondert and John Tarantino for another wonderful issue.

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton  
FMOT Secretary*

- Historian – Nothing to update.
- The Lupus Ride update, by Chuck Pottenger, is that there are 50 riders registered so far. The ride will be on May 21. The FMOT will need to man the West Road rest stop. The riders will be wearing orange arm bands. This will be the last stop. The start of the ride is Stoney Creek and will end at Stoney Creek Park. The rest stop will be visited around 11-11:30 in the beginning, so we should be there by 10:30 a.m. to set up. The stop should be manned from 10:30 – 3:30 with about 2 people at a time.
- The Wolcott Mill asked about the FMOT manning a booth at their Country Fair on June 24 from 11-3 and June 25 from 9-12. We will be needing volunteers.
- Chuck Mabley says that a “end of September” ribbon cutting ceremony might be possible this year.
- A mass-emailing should be sent on upcoming events to help drum up volunteers.
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Chuck Mabley and seconded by John Tarantino.

*Next official meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at Camp Rotary.*

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

Ted Gondert  
 Neil Kocsis  
 John Tarantino\*  
 Rich Platz\*  
 Chuck Mabley\*  
 Dennis Tipsword\*  
 Marty Osborne\*  
 Lee Rumohr  
 Christine Hamilton\*