

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 25, 2008

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome guests.
- A motion is made to accept May, 2008 meeting minutes and current agenda.
- President's report (Dennis Tipsword)
 - Graffiti was reported on the trail. In Richmond some "creative use of dirt was used in a bathroom". All trail users are just advised to keep an eye open.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley for the month of May is \$5,716.82. This includes a \$250 Slow Spokes donation; an approval of \$70 towards renewal of a P.O. box in Richmond, and a "negative expense" of \$21.11 coming from an overpayment to the Rumohrs for printing and postage of the newsletter.
- Trail Commission Meeting – June meeting was postponed to July 1. The July meeting may be held July 15 or 29th. The August meeting (August 26) should stay the same.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
 - The "hang up" is the engineers lawyers say they are open to be liable because of doing the bridge gratis. There is a possibility to find out if the county could take up the liability but haven't heard from them yet. We are all feeling it is a shame that if someone does something for free for you that they can be held liable.
- Historian (Rich Platz) – Rich talked about his Memorial Day experience on the trail. He witnessed an EMS exercise. He noticed a Jeep driving down the trail near Strikers and did a little "tailing". He's also seen many sheriff's four-wheelers coming down the trail. If you see anything suspicious, it is advised to call the sheriff at 465-5151 (courtesy Dennis!)
- Trail Report – Questions were asked about the plan for the M-53 bridge to be done by August and we have been told that this should be the case. It was also wondered if it would be a covered bridge and we believe it will be.
- Newsletter – Please email articles to Lee Rumohr for the newsletter.
- New Business
 - John Tarantino makes a motion for us to donate \$100 to the Stoney Creek Distance Run. Rich Platz seconds and the motion passes. Last year we gave \$50 and decided because of the extra mile that Bill Remer and the rest of the Stoney Creek crew to take care of the trail, it was appropriate. The run is August 7.
 - Rich Platz says the Eagle Scout doing the map boxes is still looking for spots. Rich has been giving him suggestions and wanted to ask everyone else their thoughts.
 - The next meeting will be in Richmond.
- Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Tipsword and seconded by Rich Platz. Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Richmond Trail Head

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Neil Kocsis
Chuck Mabley*
John Tarantino*
Margie Cosno
Dennis Audet
Dennis Tipsword*
Christine Hamilton*
Dave Rumohr*
Lee Rumohr

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*