

## Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 24, 2009

- Meeting is called to order.
- Approval of agenda and minutes motion made by Rich Platz and seconded by Chuck Mabley.
- President's report (Dennis Tipsword) – There have been no emails, just a call about broken signposts near Armada Ridge before Strikers.
- Neil Kocsis asked what we are supposed to use to fix graffiti. Chuck Mabley said we are waiting to see what the Trail Commission advises us to use.
- Secretary's report – The mailing labels were picked up from the Rumohrs.
- Chuck Mabley Treasurer's report has an end of February balance of \$5,227.56. The bike racks have been purchased.
- Trail Commission Update (Chuck Mabley)– March 17 Meeting
  - He reported that the trail commission received an invoice for trail cleaning for \$4,100, when they budgeted \$9,500.
  - Bids were put out for maintenance of the trail east and west of Van Dyke.
- We looked over the letter that Dennis Tipsword drafted for the Trail Commission regarding our Friends' group purpose and future.
- Discussion was had on pros and cons of asking for a voting seat on the Trail Commission board. Some feel that this is unnecessary; some feel that a position on the board would be a way to give voice to the users of the trail.
- We do believe the Friends group has a role of a public liaison for the Trail commission.
- A question was entertained about who are those that are in charge of the Trail Commission. This is the HCMA, Macomb County, Richmond, Shelby Township, and Washington Township. These are the entities that own and control the trail.
- Newsletter is on hold for now.
- Rich Platz wants us to make sure we send our thoughts and prayers to the Rumohrs and hope they recover quickly from their surgery and illness. He can relate because of having shoulder surgery recently himself.
- The next meeting is April 28.
- Receipts were submitted for reimbursement of printing for mailing.
  
- Meeting adjourned. All worked together to put mailing labels on and stuff envelopes. Thank you for your help!

Next official meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Camp Rotary.

### Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

Rich Platz\*  
Neil Kocsis  
Donna Michalski  
Ray Cavaliere  
Brian Heitman  
Chuck Mabley\*  
Dennis Tipsword\*  
Christine Hamilton\*