

ITGRA Board Meeting  
Zoom  
March 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:34

Present: Mike Cunningham, Al Puches, Becky Petro, Rick Dewitt, Steve Bayne, Pete Nichols, Kent Stivers and Jeff Glans

Note: Rick pointed out that we forgot to approve the February meeting minutes.

Rick is still working on the church lot sign and will get a draft out to everyone soon.

Intern discussion

- 3 potential interns for 4 weeks at 30 hours/week
- We don't have to have supervision for them for all the time, but we feel it would be a good idea
- Can potentially use Saturday or Sunday to make up for rainy days
- Potential to share some of their time with the Ridgefield Conservation Committee
- We're not comfortable with them using power tools
- May not have sufficient coverage for all of the time
- Should we interview them ahead of time?
- We need 120 hours of supervision time and Rick reports we're way short of with current commitments
- There was a call for a vote (not held)
- Rick will collate the hours and distribute prior to a final decision
- Pete will see if we can take them for a week or two and ask Ridgefield if they can take them for part of the time as well

Jack's replacement

- Anna Winskill declined the honor
- Could potentially ask one of our maintainers
- Other possibilities are Nick Wolf, Jonas or Rob who've worked with us previously
- Rick proposed altering the bylaws to state 9-12 members of the committee rather than just 11
- He will review the bylaws and get back to the committee

Mike reviewed our listing on CT Trailfinder and reported a single comment by Kathy and suggested that others should do the same

Website update

- Kent has been in contact with our webmaster and he's happy to update the site
- Kent proposes we go to a less cluttered site with multiple pages reached via a menu
- He's currently working on content and will set up a beta site for review

The committee voted to approve \$500 for website work (moved by Becky, seconded by Rick and approved unanimously)

Mike reported that we had two new volunteer maintainers

- Donald Holnick and John Meyers
- They will cover west of Rt 7 to the kiosk and east of Rt 7 to the top of the canyon
- Maintainers are expected to walk their section 4 times per year, keep the trail clear and marked and report any bigger items they can't handle

The Ives trail is now listed on the Fastest Known Times (FKT) website

A stone coal furnace is reported to be found east of the Wiedel meadow, no one is quite sure where

A discussion was held to move meetings to Wednesdays to eliminate a conflict for Kathy, approved by those present

Adjourned: 10:29 AM

Next meeting: Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Tarrywile at 9:30 am