

## Friends of the Blue Star Trail

August 2014

Present: Jeanne Van Zoeren, Jim Van Buren, Dave Dobreff, Julie Werkema

Approved minutes of June 19, 2014 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total cash operations: End balance: \$14,212

President's Report:

We have many new volunteers. We may need a volunteer coordinator.

Jim Van Buren will work with Susan McDermott on lists of donors, volunteers, bike ride participants, etc.

QR Coding – Carol and Bob Leneway are working on setting it up. Ann Longerot is assisting from Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society.

Tom Renner – Will assist with communications. He took pictures of bike ride.

Susan Trabucchi updated the slide show and assisted with the Kiwanis presentation. She volunteered to keep the slide show updated in the future.

Miami Park property. The owner is ready to sign the Quit Claim deed. She wants the appraisal before she signs it. Julie and Dave will follow up on the appraisal with Casco Township. Julie will talk with real estate broker and tree services.

Jim Van Buren made a motion to approve the acceptance of the donation of the property. Dave Dobreff seconded. Unanimous approval.

QR Code Slide Show – Jim can convert to put it on a disk to put in a computer. Could embed on webpage.

Allegan County ownership – Had a meeting with Twp. Supervisors and City of Douglas Manager, park staff, Jeanne and John. Allegan County requested more information from Ganges and Casco Townships regarding why they haven't assumed ownership.

MDOT review committee meeting at the end of August. We will know then if we will receive the grant money.

Parades – Saugatuck went really well. Great attendance in South Haven.

South Haven Mayor Bob Burr has asked the Friends to assist in naming the new State park. The new campground will be a bike friendly park.

Bike Tour – Jim Van Buren

Jim distributed Bike Tour Results. 274 registrants. At least 20 no shows. 54.7 Lakeshore, 19.5% Chicago, 16.1% Detroit, suburbs, 4.2% SW Michigan, 4.7% NW Indiana, 0.8% Mid-Michigan.

Pre-registration receipts - 198. On-site registration receipts – 76.

T-shirt sales: 65. Sponsors: 18. In-Kind Sponsors: 4

The bike tour was well organized and seemed to go well for the most part. Many positive comments.

Capital campaign – George Franklin is doing a community information session. Julie Leavitt is hosting one in November.

Perrigo will support application from foundation once Allegan County takes ownership.

Meeting adjourned 6:05pm.

Next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>.