



## **Friends of SMARTrails Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 9, 2025 Kaleva Community Center 6:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Rob Carson, President; Linda Cudney, Secretary; Jacque Erdman, Treasurer; Dave Myers, Claire Richard. Zachary Pawlowski, Bonnie Brown.

**Board Members Absent:** Mark Coe, Elaine Gibbs.

**Guests:** Wayne Beldo.

- I. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order by Rob Carson, president at 6:03 PM.
- II. **Consent Agenda** It was motioned and supported to accept the consent agenda. AIF. Motion carried.
  1. **May 12, 2025 Board Minutes**  
Motioned by Claire, supported by Zach to accept the minutes from the May 12, 2025 meeting. AIF. Motion Carried.
  2. **Treasurers Report and Payment of Bills:**  
Jacque reported that we have \$10,388.19 in our Bank account (which the MCCF amount of \$4,130.18 and Filer Credit Union amount is \$6,238.21 with \$19.80 in the Share Account). There was a deposit of \$615.00 and Jacque did not know where it came from. Zach reported it came from his work at Filer Credit Union. Thanks to Zach and Filer Credit Union. Linda motioned to accept the treasurers report. Supported by Claire. AIF. Motion carried.
- III. **New Business :**
  1. **SMARTrails Bullet Points list**  
Mark worked on a list of bullet points for the future for all to look at. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- IV. **Old Business**
  1. **EDA Update Awesome News**  
Rob reported that the EDA approved the contract and it has been sent to AJ's Excavating for a signature. The timeline should be this summer. The bid was under budget. Rob will inform SMART board members, when the project will be starting.
  2. **Trail Flip Chart of Manistee County Trails**  
In process, with more maps being added.
  3. **Reports from other Trail Entities**

Linda reported her and Mark Coe were at Iron Fish Distillery on June 7, 2025, with a table and introduced ourselves and visited with the Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail and gave an overview of SMARTrails and answered questions they had about Manistee County trails and discussed the Park to Park map. It was suggested to keep in touch. Linda will have the SMARTrails table set up at Thompsonville Summerfest, as the TARP Board suggested it and thought it would be a good idea to set up next to them.

**4. Fundraising Ideas**

Some ideas on the “Bullet Points list”.

**5. Tribal Discussion**

Rob stated that he will get in touch with them in the next few weeks, and will keep us in the loop.

**6. Chief Grade Clean up**

Mark, Dave and Claire met at Marks on Saturday, May 18, 2025 and removed a few trees and clean up was done. Did not take long at all to get it done.

**V. Other Business**

**1. Recreation Commission Update**

Linda reported on the Recreation Commission meeting. There will be a work session on Thursday, June 12, 2025 to discuss updating the County Recreation Plan. Also discussed was the ORV ordinance.

**2. Social Media**

Claire would like to do a “Meet the Board” biography and picture of SMART Board members to put on the website.

**3. Admin Technology**

Claire discussed the share point file system and there are only so many licenses to use the site. She will share it with Linda first.

**VI. Board Members Comments/Correspondence**

1. It was suggested that for our next meeting on July 14, to meet at the Snowbirds club for a group picture.
2. SMARTrails tent is in a storage room at the Kaleva Community Center.
3. When construction begins on our trail from Thompsonville to Copemish, it was suggested to contact AJ's Excavating and see if they have access to a drone. If not, Zach can probably come thru with a drone.
4. Discussion on a trail maintenance group.
5. Most all have signed up for the Michigan Trails 2050 event at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Linda will forward the information for those who did not receive it.

**VII. Adjourn.** Motioned and supported to adjourn at 6:48 PM.

**Next meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 in Kaleva at the Benzie Manistee Snowbirds Club at 14121 Industrial Drive, Kaleva.**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:  
**Linda Cudney, Secretary**

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