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# Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

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## Attendees

Gwen Chamberlain, Rachel Knapton, Phil Rahr, Rob Schwarting, Deb Clancy, Steve Miller, Tom McGuigan, Dan Mackey, Steve Stork

## Guests

Kathy Ferron

## Gwen Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

### Public Comment

Katy Ferron: Proposal for Outlet Tubing (Project Scope/Business plan provided and available if there are further questions from the public).

Currently a major issue would be parking (Kathy is willing to put in money to pay for more parking availability)

Aiming for 30 people a day throughout the day, running all day long. 9 AM until 4 or 5 PM (last trip out would start at 1 or 2)

Adding Porta Potties

Our concerns:

\*Class C quality of water, DEC doesn't recommend human contact/swimming in it

\*Construction happening near Cherry Street to shore up the banks

*Steve Stork motions that the minutes from last meeting be accepted. Phil Seconds. All in favor. The ayes have it. The minutes are accepted.*

### Maintenance Report (Sent in by Mickey Orr)

Old Maintenance Building – Ivan has torn down pavilion and will tear down enclosed part  
Electric has been disconnected to building

Tom Hohman will check with Dean Knapton to see if he wants any of the items that we don't want for theater group

New Pavilion – Norm Koek has provided an estimate for review

Outlet Tire building – Ivan has offered to tear down, but not this year.

1. Mowing – No Problems
  2. Wood Chips – Chips have been dropped off at Milo Mills for trail purposes.
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3. Surface – need to talk to Tim Hansen and City Hill about surface between Fox’s Mill and Milo Mills. Also, between Milo mills and towards Turtle Creek where the gravel road was built.
4. Buildings / Safety – Milo took care of Sluice Pipe at Seneca Mills, but we would like to see it extended further and Falling Wall still in agenda
5. Bat Houses: Tom asked Mike Mashewske and son, Gavin Ingle to see if the Boy Scouts would be interested in this project.

*Rob motioned to approve going ahead with the pavilion with Norm Koek at \$17,000. Tom seconded. All in favor. The ayes have it.*

### **Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)**

Finance meeting was May 16

In checking \$34,747

Money market \$55,899

CD \$20,790 (Bank of the Finger Lakes)

Savings Account Bruce Hansen- \$41,171

Checking account with Hansen \$5,069

Bill paid to accountant Tom Podsiado for doing tax return (did not owe federal, State took \$75)  
\$1,497.57

Rob wonders if we have a budget or if we pay as we go. Steve says we have a good idea of what we have, but there is no formal budget. This is what we hope Sue will be helping with as she comes on board to assist with the accounts/books.

Rob also wonders if we need more concrete goals to hit and objectives to aim for in order to create appropriate budgets for what we’re doing. Also looking into seeking out grants for future improvement

*Rachel motions to accept the finance report*

*Deb seconds*

*All in favor. The ayes have it, motion passes.*

### **Membership Report (Sent in by Kristi Hoag)**

Membership Revenue to date:

Pay Pal - \$1400

Cash/Checks - \$9200

Member Donations - \$508

Pet Memberships - \$200

Total - \$11,308.00

Membership Data for May:

New Members - 1

Renewal Members - 3

Pet Members - 0

Renewal Level Data for May:

- 1 Members renewed at higher levels of membership
- Members renewed at lower levels of membership
- 2 Members renewed at the same level of membership

Total Members - 371

### **Planning Committee (presented by Rob Schwarting)**

Will be planning for an upcoming planning committee meeting to address. Rob would like the FOTO Board to look into bigger grants. (Gwen has just applied for the Doppelt grant which is \$50,000 for trail resurfacing.)

Would perhaps like to look at extending the trail to Seneca Lake again if possible? Also looking at doing some work with the campsite property.

Need to have a goal setting strategic planning retreat for the board.

### **Community Relations Report (presented by Phil Rahr)**

Phil has been in touch with Sara Crevelling at PYPL about Hashtag Trashtag (a library sponsored program to encourage trail cleanup!).

The Arts festival in June 8th and 9th. Phil will be there at the beginning and end of each day to help set up and take down. A sign up sheet will be sent out for volunteers to work the table.

We are still getting information about apparel and giveaway items/promotional items. Working on a minimum order for FOTO Apparel for Board members (and potentially volunteers)  
Upcoming Writing and Coloring contests for school aged children  
June 30- Brunch membership drive at Climbing Bines

### **President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)**

**Committees:** I will work on Committee assignments to be made before the June meeting. Please review the attached list and let me know if you have a preference to serve on or lead a committee.

**Literature Exchange:** Deb Clancy and I attended the literature exchange hosted by Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance at Waterloo Premium Outlets, and handed out two cases of historic trail guides May 15. We were pleased to see so many people from the wider region who were familiar with the trail.

**Cascade Buildings:** Awaiting results of the building survey by Arcadis. Two engineers were at the site May 16. One was taking samples of what is believed to be the contaminated bricks, and the other was looking at the two buildings that remain at and downstream of the falls. This was directed by

Proctor and Gamble (so would be paid for under that). If this happens, we might only have to worry about the Kelly Tire Building.

**Grants:** Doppelt Foundation grant announcements will be made May 30 (I applied for \$50,000 trail surface improvement). I am communicating with Yates County about extending the 2018 grant if necessary.

**Bank erosion repairs:** An engineer from Elliott Engineering visited the erosion area between Cascade and Hopeton May 15. He will be sending a report which I will share as soon as possible. He designed the FEMA repairs that will begin soon east of Cherry Street - see next note. Although the water was running quite fast, it doesn't look like the erosion has gotten any worse in two years. I think we'll see an estimate for the work that's needed here to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

**FEMA Repairs:** I attended the pre-construction meeting for the FEMA repairs May 15 in Penn Yan. The contractor will do most of the work from within the stream bed area, and they MAY be able to build a temporary detour around their worksite so the trail won't have to be completely blocked there. We'll know more when their work begins — hoping for around June 3. I agreed that we could post notices on our bulletin boards and on our website and facebook page advising trail users of the work.

**Celebrate Service/Celebrate Yates:** Due to weather concerns, we adjusted our plans to have the group walk from Cherry Street to Seneca Millsite clearing trash and mowing obstacles.

**Signs:** The Milo Highway crew installed both Seneca Millsite signs and removed the old sign. I asked them to also remove the old sign at May's Mills/Ridge Road parking area. The sign for May's Mills/Cascade has been ordered.

**Projects:** Girl Scouts planted flowers at the Seneca Millsite Monday, May 20. Norm Koek is working with Eagle Scout project on safety projects.

**National Trails Day:** We have been approved for granola bars to hand out on June 1. I expect 30 cases will be delivered to my house in time for distribution that day.

## **Board Comments**

Tom would like to see the trail extended to Charles Street

Gwen shares that the Mays Mills Cascade sign when to production today.

## **June**

June 1: National Trails Day

June 8 - 9: Keuka Arts Festival

June 26: Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. Cascade or LNB

**July** NO Board of Director Meeting

## **August**

Aug. 3: Oak Hill Barbecue

Aug. 28: Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. Cascade or LNB

*Rachel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM*

*Steve Stork seconds.*

*Meeting adjourns at 8:31 PM.*