

SCTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2025

A meeting of the SCTA Board was called to order at 6:10 pm by president, Laurie LeRoy. Board members present (7): Laurie LeRoy, Karen Wappelhorst, Marilyn Spoon, Samantha Perry, Terry Stedman, Cindy Stedman and Monica Quarmby. Board members absent (2): April Johnson and Daniel Johnson. Guests (2): Sue Bertch and Kathy Brown. The meeting was held at the SCTA pavilion.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

MEETING MINUTES – The March minutes were submitted by Laurie LeRoy and approved by all board members except Samantha Perry who abstained as she was not present at the March meeting. The minutes will be sent to Sue Bertch for posting to the SCTA website.

The April meeting minutes were submitted by Marilyn Spoon and approved by all board members. The minutes will be sent to Sue Bertch for posting to the SCTA website.

TREASURER'S REPORTS – Karen Wappelhorst presented the treasurer's report as of April 30, 2025. She reported a current balance of \$15,277.83 with income of \$2,395 and expenses of \$299.91 since the last report. Karen confirmed thank you notes are up to date. The treasurer's report was approved by all present and will be forwarded to Sue Bertch for posting to the SCTA website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Marilyn Spoon reported 110 current memberships. Karen Wappelhorst inquired if complimentary memberships are eligible to vote in upcoming election. The matter was discussed and decided that since it is not clearly stated in the charter or bylaws one way or the other, then complimentary memberships will be treated the same as paid memberships. It was agreed that we could review this matter after the 2025 membership meeting and make any changes if necessary.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS:

WEBSITE – Laurie LeRoy advised she had provided Sue Bertch with additional information to add to the website.

FACEBOOK – Laurie LeRoy stated the Facebook page remains quiet

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAPS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE – Cindy Stedman reported a maps and trails committee meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 6:00 pm

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WELCOME COMMITTEE – Kathy Brown reports she is trying to meet all new owners but sometimes finds it difficult to make in-person contact. When she does make in person contact, she stated she would like to ask the owner to complete the SCTA membership form and she would wait while the owner completes the form. If she is unable to make in-person contact, she would like to include a note in the welcome packet asking new owners to complete the membership form and she would stop by to pick up the application once completed. Cindy Stedman suggested mailing welcome packets to new out-of-town owners if in-person contact is not possible.

Kathy also suggested that we have a sign in sheet for new residents at the pot lucks and ask them to provide their phone number and email address to allow us easier contact with those new owners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laurie LeRoy reported she sent information for updates to bylaws to board members via email and stated that we still need to define dismissal “for cause” in the bylaws.

Laurie LeRoy provided information on the laws pertaining to the recreational use of private lands. It appears that SCTA is protected by a couple of different laws when allowing public use of our trails. Some of these laws may also protect private land owners for public recreational activities on their property. Laurie provided various handouts as well as copies of TCA 70-7-101 / TCA 70-7-102 / TCA 70-7-103 / TCA 70-7-104.

Laurie LeRoy advised she inquired at Beatty Wildwood Grocery whether the gift certificates purchased in 2021 were still valid. Because ownership of that store changed in 2023, the new owners advised the certificates were no longer valid. It was agreed that the gift certificates should be removed from the treasurer’s report.

Laurie LeRoy provided a list of the President’s annual responsibilities for the SCTA. She also provided an updated asset list.

Laurie LeRoy stated she took the donations that were left over from the Hurricane Helene collection efforts to Handfuls – The Harvest Mission in Jamestown for distribution to those in need in the Jamestown area. Handfuls was very appreciative of the donations.

Laurie LeRoy provided an update from Jay Light regarding the sign project. Jay asked Laurie to relay that there were no updates since the last meeting. Laurie did ask that we make a decision on re-naming the “Spruce Creek Community Trail” in advance of the new signs and the new trail map being created. Several new trail names were suggested by board members and guests, Laurie will send an email to board members in an effort to get a consensus on a new trail name.

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Laurie LeRoy stated she inquired with BSFNRRRA regarding a project for Volunteer Day (June 7) in the park. A couple of projects had already been designated by the park for that day. Volunteer Day is sponsored by the American Hiking Society, so it seemed all the projects already identified by the park centered around hiking trails. Laurie also mentioned that there is a National Public Lands Day to be held on September 27 that we could possibly participate in as well.

Samantha Perry stated she has reached out to the state yet again regarding the Adopt-A-Highway signs for Highway 297. Her previous contact is no longer with the State, so she is awaiting a response from her new contact person (Victoria) with an update.

Laurie LeRoy reviewed the trail maintenance log and updates were made accordingly. It was agreed by all present that the colored arrow signs will be retired since new wooden trail signs are being installed at trail intersections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laurie LeRoy stated she has stopped by Nicole Temple's house a couple of times to ask her to remove the temporary fencing which has been installed over the Deer Haven Trail. Laurie has not been able to make contact yet, but will continue her attempts to speak with Nicole.

Laurie LeRoy asked if there were any preparations that were needed in advance of the upcoming membership meeting scheduled for May 25. She stated Travis Day and Margaret Baznik-Sanders have volunteered to run for board positions but we should continue to look for any other members who might be interested in running.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.