



Fox Cities Greenways, Inc.

Annual Meeting Agenda

January 25th, 2024

5:00-7:00 pm

Behind the Scenes

Meeting Location:

Pullman's Waterfront Banquet Room

619 S. Olde Oneida Street - Appleton, Wisconsin

Mission Statement:

Fostering the Development and Preservation of Trails and Greenways in the Greater Fox Cities Region

5-6 PM

- Registration, Cash Bar, Hor d'oeuvres, Community Partner Displays

6-7PM

- Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2023, Annual Meeting
- Approval of 2023 Financials
- Bylaws of Fox Cities Greenways Revision Approval
- 2023 Accomplishments & 2024 Plans
- Outgoing Board members/ Propose new Board members.
- Approve 2024 Board of Directors and Officers
- Guest Speakers
- Behind the Scenes Smart Streets – Danielle Block, City of Appleton's Director of Public Works
- Local Updates: - What's New? Popcorn Mic
- Door Prizes, Silent Auction
- Next Year - Thursday - January 23, 2025 – Poplar Hall – 141 Riverheath Way, Appleton, WI
- Adjourn meeting. - Gwen



UPCOMING 2025 ANNUAL MEETING DATES: JANUARY 23RD, 2025. POPLAR HALL. APPLETON, WISCONSIN



Annual Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Martin at 6:07 p.m. with a welcome and recap on the meeting agenda.

Cindy Carter made a motion to approve the 2022 annual meeting minutes as presented; John Cuff seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Dave presented the financial report for 2022. Final numbers for the year have not arrived as we are awaiting the 2022 year end statement from the bank. Motion to approve from John, seconded by Dave. **Motion carried unanimously.**

President Martin highlighted 2020's major projects such as the trail summit, winter activity guide, etc. In 2021 we started working on High Cliff Trail Connection, Paper Trail working group, and redoing the Greenways Grant application process. In 2022 we supported through grants the creation of multiple local trails. We also made some local presentations to groups to share Greenways and local projects.

Dave discussed our strategic plan going forward in line with our mission and vision. He also outlined the specific goals we have set as our focus for the coming year. We are due to recommit to a Strategic Plan, we will be focusing on finalizing plans for the improvements to the Paper Trail, and reevaluating our subcommittee structures.

Dave presented the three Board Members who are transitioning out this year: Bob Jakel, James Merten, and Andrea Peterson. In honor of their time with the board and their contributions Greenways will be making gifts on all of their behalf towards projects they are passionate about.

President Martin introduced the proposed 2023 board as President Gwen Sargeant, VP Dennis Kittel, Secretary Adam Breest, Treasurer Julie Last, Past President Dave Martin, Holly Femal, Michelle Bachaus, Kim Biedermann, David Kittel, and Derek Murphy.

A motion was made by Cindy with a second by Tom to approve the 2023 board of directors. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Guest speaker Kyle Armstrong spoke to the topic of diversity and inclusion in the community as it relates to outdoor activities and trail use. He conducted multiple surveys and focus groups to glean information from our community. He has found disparities in the amount of outdoor activities from BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ individuals. He gave encouragement for a call to action to find ways to include these groups. Proactive outreach, targeted programming for marginalized groups, and celebrating marginalized history and culture are some of the key steps towards forward progress. He works for Inclusion in the Outdoors and works towards inclusivity in partnerships with other local groups.

The new promotional video for Cycling without Age was played as education for their program.

Municipality project updates were made by Grand Chute, Little Chute, Greenville, Neenah, and Kimberly. Kim also gave introduction to and update on High Cliff Trail Connection.

With no other business to discuss, Holly Femal made a motion to adjourn; Cindy Cuske seconded. **Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Peterson, Greenways Secretary

