

Minutes of the Michiana Watershed

April 14, 2009

Members Present: Ted Beatty, Bob Cervelli, Javaughn Fernanders, Simeon Geels, Jeff Reece, Ken Sauer, Henry Scott and Don Sporleder

Financial Report by Simeon:

Members present decided to renew the MW membership contribution to Rails to Trails.

Paddlefest:

- Ted gave an updated about planning for the 2009 Paddlefest: June 28 (always the last Sunday in June)
- Finances are in good shape
- Entry fees will be reduced by \$5 this year due to the economic downturn
- There will be a Paddlefest at Ecofest on June 20th

New MW Brochure:

- Discussion about a new brochure to better publicize the organization
- Colors?
- Ken will look into printing costs for a color 8.5 x 11 bifold brochure

Festival of Arts and Music

- Saturday, June 13th from 5 - 10 p.m. at the Brown Barn in St. Patrick's County Park
- Simeon will coordinate a MW presence

La Salle Trail Update

- Ken and Henry attended a meeting with county engineers, representatives and a commissioner on April 9th. Minutes from the meeting were taken by Paul Taylor of the Bike Michiana Coalition and can be seen [here \[PDF\]](#)
- Ken Sauer will get in touch with Dough Marsh (Notre Dame engineering) to see if ND could get involved in the project

Website Updates

- Henry has been in touch with Nancy Sawyer to see if MW can continue to hire her for website updates; she is willing
- In addition to updating officers, etc, Bob has other ideas for new content and an improved layout
- Henry and Bob will meet and create a list of proposed changes; these will be presented to MW officers, and will then be presented to Nancy

Hydroelectric Presentation at IU-South Bend

- Brief discussion about the presentations made at IUSB organized by the Society of Physics Students by Gary Gilot and Kathleen Petijean about the proposed hydroelectric facility in downtown South Bend
- There is potential for future alternative energy discussions that may be of interest to

MW members