

**Walk! Bike! Brockport!**  
**Minutes**  
**December 10, 2009**

Present: Ray Duncan, Ute Duncan, Pete Randazzo, Dave Ball, Harry Shifton, Mike Schaffer, Joan Fenton, Rich Fenton, Barb Blosenhauer, Joe Blosenhauer, Norm Frisch, Nancy Washer

Meeting called to order: 7 pm

1. Santa Train Report : Ray and Ute Duncan

14 volunteers (9 were non-regular members of W!B!B!)

16 hours of volunteer work on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6: setting up, minding the store, 6 train rides, cleaning up

10 hours in planning and contacting key organizations: Brockport Police Department, Brad and Lance Alexander at Northside Mobil, Brockport Department of Public Works, Wegmans, Tim Hortons, private individuals for coffee urns

Letters written to Wegmans and Tim Hortons requesting donations

7 hours of writing thank you notes and other post-event activities, such as returning coffee urns

We raised \$517.16

We will put photos on the website (more on that later)

Write-up will go in Suburban News

Unfortunately Tim Hortons would not donate donuts

talked to Alicia Fink (treasurer) for how to transfer the money  
money has been transferred

Discussion:

Mike: other places we could persuade to donate donuts

Ray: we'll look into a number of other places, Ryans, Walmart

Harry: there are more people who want to volunteer, perhaps instead of one person doing multiple runs, have each person do one or two  
heard from Alan Way, for example

Ray: but of course, some drop out, other people bring their kids  
second run on Sunday—really crowded  
great sales of doritos, potato chips

Barb: we could stock up, we can return it as long as it isn't opened

Ute: we didn't know about that

Ray: people came from as far away as Buffalo and Ontario, CA; we should have brochures

Brad Alexander pointed out that in tourist magazines villages often publicize what is available in town

we should use this event as a way to publicize the village and all it offers

2. Future Use of Walk Bike funds proposal: Ray Duncan

Hands out copies of budget: expenses and revenues over time

Current total \$3068.16

including: \$75 donation from Septemberfest and Santa Train  
What do we spend money on?  
We should try to get funds outside for some events, like poster contest  
For once-a-year activities—help the event organizer to fund raise  
We should use our major funds for our major projects

Examples:

gateway at the north end of town  
Helen Smagorinsky is amenable to moving her sign  
trails

For major projects—also promise to match funds from other sources

Discussion:

Pete: suppose we request funds for a project and they ask how much money you have in the bank, then don't want to fund us  
Ray: explain to them that we have multiple projects, offer to match  
Rich: service clubs raise money to provide service, so it is reasonable to ask them for support  
Mike: that's why I've approached some of them with some success  
Joan: now I have to go before the school board to keep the poster contest going  
Ray: we are now the default coordinator of the Santa Train, no other village contact  
Ute: experienced problems with organizing the Santa Train, handing out flyers in the schools  
Rich: who did advertise the Santa Train?  
Ute: Medina is supposed to do it, but there was disorganization on their part, for profit for the museum  
in the past Scott Winner would set things up with DPW and the Police and so on  
we expected Medina to do the ads and they expected us to advertise  
Saturday was not very good; then Sunday was great  
there were no signs, they didn't know how to get to it  
also there were two groups that took entire cars

### 3. Fund-raising idea: Ray Duncan

The beautiful vests—could we sell them? at Septemberfest?

Discussion:

Pete: We tried to get the group to fundraise using vests, but we voted it down for various reasons  
Walk to School people needed a way to identify the greeters  
so we bought these vests for every event—60 vests at about \$12 apiece  
now we can't sell them because of the original purchase purpose  
Rich: is there another way we could identify potential greeters? we haven't been very careful with the vests as it is  
Dave: this year there was a certain amount of chaos in handing out the vests;

next year we'll give the vests to the village volunteers and give the teams  
(from SUNY Brockport and so on) something else. we lost 2 vests  
Mike: we could number them (subtly), then have them sign them out  
Pete: problem: early in the morning, dark, lots of people; later in the day people  
bring in everyone's vests  
Mike: we did this in the military  
Ray: should we sell the vests? probably not  
Norm: there could be a difference between official ones and commercial ones  
more splashy for the public  
Harry: we should use them for every official event

#### 4. Trails Development Report: Peter Randazzo

Trail in Sweden Town Park,  
last time: trying to arrange a meeting between various park users, especially those  
interested in trails  
Cross-country club  
Disc golf, Town of Sweden approved their structures and gave them  
\$15,000 to do it  
all in the park now  
this time: he and Harry met on December 2, invited Dave Ball and Jack Milner, who  
brought Fred Perrine  
Bill Andrews' perimeter trail and the grant--\$60,000 matched by the town in labor  
not funded  
Bill's plan called for a 10-foot wide nearly paved path—crushed stone  
meets trail standards, but do we really need all that?  
Iceland has many marked hiking trails, but much narrower  
discussed the Icelandic trails with the Town of Sweden guys  
Fred sent an aerial photo (relatively recent)  
need people to start blazing the trail, then if we get the money, we could use it  
would be good for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or running, nordic walking

#### Discussion:

Harry: ultimate goal to connect with Redman Road sidewalk that takes you to Clarkson  
and north and south to Bergen Swamp  
also talked to disc golf people  
Joan: how far would the trail go?  
Pete: we don't know right at the moment  
we also found out if we need to propose this to the Sweden Town Board  
Milner communicated that the Town Board is interested in letting us pursue this  
in the spring we could mark out the trail  
let's say the trail is a mile, a stake every 100 feet, we'd need 50 stakes or so at \$2  
a stake=\$100, plus spray paint to color code them  
would we be willing to give Pete the seed money to get the stakes? about \$200  
Joan: just what we should be doing  
Ray: who is the point person?  
Peter Randazzo?

someone who can report back to the committee

Pete: you can see some cross-country running trails in the woods  
we could do the same for our trail—a few work days  
also the nordic walkers? boy scouts?

Ray: I Motion to acknowledge that Pete Randazzo is the point person for the Town Park Trail; multiple seconds; unanimous  
we will call it: The Walk Bike Trail in the Sweden Town Park

Pete: hopes that Bill Andrews will help out with or bless the project  
Jack Milner used to head up the Sweden Community Foundation which maybe  
could fund things  
maybe he could come to one of our meetings

Ray: proposes postponing vote on funding, investigate possible Town funding

Harry: We have to keep in mind that Jack Milner wears two hats: the Town Supervisor versus member of the Sweden Community Foundation

SCF has offered a \$1000 for the dock on the canal, so maybe they would help us

Harry: I move that we authorize the expenditure of \$225 for stakes for the trail

Ray: offers amendment: try to get matching funds

Mike: good sign to have Walk Bike put some funds into it

Pete: buy the stakes to get it going, then seek additional funds, don't want it to be stalled  
by funding

Seconded and approved Unanimously

#### 5. Web Site Progress: Norm Frisch

web page is up and running

minutes up as well

The secretary will send the minutes to Ray, who will send them out and have them put on  
webpage

Mostly saved until next time

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. New Business

Barb: New Brockport School Superintendent doesn't know anything about us and the  
contest

Joan: I will go before the school board to inform them

Dave: he knows about Walk to School, very cooperative

Meeting ends at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting January 14 at 7 pm

Pete will look into inviting Jack Milner to attend and discuss the trail and funding.