

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of ICORE, 10/4/16  
Submitted by John Bates

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Martha Pierpont after a fine potluck meal and an exceptional presentation by Bob Jacquart on the restoration of the Copper Peak Ski Flying Hill. Additionally present from the Board were John Bates, Diane Okrongly, MJ Slone, and Chris Paulik – Mike Ondresky had to leave due to illness. ICORE members remaining for the meeting numbered eight.

The minutes were read and approved unanimously but with three amendments:

- 1- "ICORE to support redevelopment of Saxon Harbor" was stricken from the minutes.
- 2- Added to the minutes was "The Board voted to conduct the election of the three non-officer Board members at our annual meeting in October in order to provide for staggered terms of office within the Board."
- 3- Change balance in treasurer's report to read "\$2,017.68."

Treasurer Chris Paulik read the treasurer's report which was approved unanimously.

ICORE beginning balance:	\$2,017.68
Income from Birdathon:	879.12
Expenses for website:	226.20
Expense for IRS 501(c)(3):	275.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,395.60

Martha Pierpont briefly reviewed the year's accomplishments including the opening of the bike trail and the three talks that ICORE sponsored.

Gail Ondresky reported that we had received approval of ICORE as a 501(C)(3) organization. ICORE is now considered a "public charity."

Kit Bogenschneider strongly endorsed the use of "Meet-ups" as a means of gathering people together for outdoor activities. Kit is an "organizer" and currently has 72 members. Kit can host ICORE events on Meet-ups if we ask her. The cost to be an organizer is \$90 every 6 months. A motion was made by MJ Slone and seconded by Teresa Schmidt for ICORE to pay the \$90 fee for the next six months – motion was approved unanimously.

Concerns were expressed by ICORE members that our communication needs to be improved given that many people were not made aware of the annual meeting. ICORE's email list is incomplete and needs to be updated. Our website should allow us to make more contacts and in a more organized fashion. A suggestion was made to include all public officials on our contact list.

Teresa Schmidt presented a detailed explanation of the goals and policies of our website. The website address is to be amended to [www.ironcountyoutdoors.org](http://www.ironcountyoutdoors.org).

The election for the positions of the three non-officers on the Board was conducted. All three current non-officers – John Bates, MJ Slone, and Diane Okrongly – were re-elected. A further suggestion was made to stagger the terms of the current officers, which will be taken up at the next Board meeting.

Under new business, a discussion ensued regarding maintenance of the new bike trail given that the town has said it will not maintain the trail. A concern was raised over insurance coverage if we were to do the maintenance, and this needs to be followed-up prior to ICORE's involvement in the maintenance. A motion was made by Teresa Schmidt and seconded by Chris Paulik for ICORE to take on the maintenance of the trail pending the resolution of the insurance issue – the motion was approved unanimously.

The next annual meeting will occur on the second Tuesday of October, 10/10/17.

The next Board meeting will be on 11/30/16 at 6:30 pm at the Mercer Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned.