

Hooper Board Meeting

October 4, 2023

Hooper Institute

Attendance: Joni Cormier, Seth Andrews, Helen Delback, Will Grossman, Sue Nadeau, Nicole Adams & Emma Kobeski

Joni Cormier, President, called meeting to order at 5:37pm

Board Update:

New board member Nicole Adams will also be Conservation Liaison and potential new board member Annette Beers

Laura Hayes will be resigning from the Hooper Board Member
Developing committees and streamlining ideas

Emma reviews meeting minutes from September 3rd- Seth motions to approve the minutes and Joni seconds- all in favor

Helen reviews the treasurers on behalf of Amy's absence

Deposits for the fall appeal, Raptor Fest, a donation, and an outdoor education deposit from SAU 60 total \$1040.40, plus \$1.96 in interest for August gets us to \$78,060.97 in the local account

Working out of the ROI funds- income \$6,644.99, expenses \$4,477.41, an August payout from ROI of \$30,662.45 with \$189.15 in interest on the ROI makes a working total of \$78,225.25.

Sue motions to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Helen, Will seconds- all in favor

Helen reviews Directors report

Marissa will be starting her classes next week

Fundraising letter- starting to write this and getting this out soon

Energy Audit is being completed- Mark Houghton toured the building with Peggy Pschirrer

The Raptor Festival was a big success- 80 people in attendance!

Bear programs coming up this October

Helen will be in attendance at the October Fall Festival at Fall Mountain and Career Day

No official FOHI Report

Conservation committee- no official report from Nicole but would like to know what information could be the most useful for the Hooper Board

-Helen would like to know more about the trails or changes

Hooper Scholarship Report- no official report at this time

Old Business:

- Trail Committee review and bike trail update- Will Grossman shares minutes from the trail committee that met on September 13th- Sue Nadeau updates the board on the history of how the trail committee connected with the Hooper Board Meeting. Helen has reached out to Rob Westover after our September meeting on the 3rd to ask him to attend a board meeting to ask questions. Board is proposing a subcommittee for the bike trail to connect all players
- strategic planning- Will proposed that the board ask questions in regards to strategic planning (why would be plan? What would we want to get out of creating this? Where do we want to be? How long are we projecting?). Helen will try to find a copy of the Hooper will. Reviewing strengths and weaknesses and come up with goals. Will recommends bringing in planners to talk with the board about ideas and next steps.
- Board agrees to utilize next meeting on November 1st to start the planning process
- Scholarship committee- liaison needed - board discussed changing the by-laws to remove chair member as the attendee to the board meetings. Needing more communication with the scholarship committee - would like a member to attend either December or January.

New Business:

- Meeting minutes to the town- email to Sarah Downing
- Update the board members with the team

meeting adjourned 6:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Kobeski
Secretary