

**Friends of the Blue Star Trail  
Board Meeting Summary  
Thursday, October 27, 2006**

**Present: Jeanne Van Zoeren, Jan Blaising, Clark Carmichael, John Adams, Sunny Hill and Rosie Burke**

1. A motion was made to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes with the following corrections: the profit from the Toast Party held in June was \$12, 977.14 and the proposed party for June, 2017 will include a Silent Auction.
2. Jeanne Van Zoeren offered suggestions for greater community involvement with the board in this project. The possibility of hosting pot lucks to explain plans for the trail was discussed as was the need for all volunteers to be aware that a survey is being conducted by the City of Saugatuck to determine priorities for parks and recreation. This is a critical time to gain approval from the Saugatuck city council members for the ongoing completion of the Blue Star Trail. Clark will coordinate an email blast so that volunteers and community members are alerted to the need to complete the survey. The timeline for these responses is November 15, 2016.
3. Clark noted that the Lakeshore Harvest bike ride is tentatively to be held on August 19, 2017. The group planning the ride is looking at routes being adapted and the possibility of stations along the route being charged a minimal fee. The Board feels that this event is the highlight of our summer activities and raises the awareness of riders inside and outside Allegan County.

Post Note: Clark and Jeanne will meet with the directors of the Saugatuck-Douglas and South Haven tourist bureaus to discuss marketing opportunities and strategies for next year's ride.

4. John gave a brief treasurer's report with the final figure of the proceeds from the 2016 bike ride being \$11,732.13.
5. Sunny and Rosie are meeting to discuss timelines and strategies for the Annual Campaign. Letters and calls will be sent to past donors with the overall goal of raising \$55,000 for the required community match for government grants totaling \$500,000. Rosie commented that this campaign needs to highlight the progress that has been made during the 2016 calendar year.
6. Due to personal and professional commitments, Jan Blaising regretfully announced her resignation from the FOTBS Board effective November 14, 2016. She intends to continue volunteering for various events and the like in the future.
7. The November 17th Board meeting will be held at the Grill House in Allegan following an MDOT regional Trail Forum meeting at Griswold Auditorium in Allegan from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. All board members are invited to attend.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.