

Presidents Report – June 25, 2026

This past month, financial integrity and historical record keeping have been consuming a large amount of my time. Spurred on by questions from Board Member Roger Young, Peter and I were asked to provide steps on how we account for Trails Council funds. Our bylaws provide some guidance:

***Section 14. Rights of Inspection. Every director shall have the right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, documents, and the physical properties of the corporation. However, no director shall be entitled to use the records or membership list for purposes not authorized by the Board.***

Towards that end, I will be bringing copies of the latest statements to the June Meeting.

Our bylaws also detail the roles of Treasurer and President:

*Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer is the financial officer of the corporation and shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation. The books of account shall, at any reasonable time, be open to inspection by any director.*

*The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board. Such funds shall be paid out on the signature of officers on file with the depository, the President and Vice President. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the directors an account of all transactions and an account of the financial condition of the corporation whenever they request it and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.*

*The Treasurer shall prepare a monthly financial statement of the corporation; and also prepare, or cause to be prepared, yearly income tax and/or other required financial reports of the corporation.*

*The Treasurer shall keep a list of all present and past members, that will include membership type, status, names and addresses, and payment dates.*

If you have questions about our process, please provide your questions prior to the meeting.

The other issue is historical preservation of meeting minutes. My biggest fear is that we have been haphazard about the process. Some years we have the meeting minutes on the Google

drive but not all. This task could be a good fit for a Board Member that has a scanner and understands that future board members will appreciate their efforts.

Lastly, two questions, our board has been around for more than 55 years, how are you going to add to our legacy? What can you do to help our mission move forward?

George Sherman

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