

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 PM by President Darla Kirkpatrick with 10 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Darla Kirkpatrick, Sandy Mateer, Galen Shirey, Patrick Connors Sr., Phil Hynes and Dave Henderson. Bernie Marocco, Robert Moss and Ty Poster were absent. RVTA members in attendance were Pam Henderson, Terry Mateer and John Pozza. Laura Lynn Yohe was also in attendance. This meeting had been rescheduled to the **new 2015 meeting day of the 1st Monday at 5 PM**. The meeting began with President Darla Kirkpatrick's reading of the organization's goals and objectives.

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tabled as December minutes were not yet available.

Treasurer's Report - RVTA Treasurer's report listed a beginning December 2014 balance of \$140,865.35 and a December 31, 2014 *ending balance* of **\$132,264.17**.

- Payments were made to Hetrick's Farm Supply for the mower, arm and tire ballast of \$6400, Grange Lime & Stone of \$5,163.39, Brookville YMCA for sponsorships of \$3300 (1/2 to be returned), Smart Sign for \$352.46 for warning and directional signs at Fishbasket, Build A Sign for ski track and directional signs at Redbank and Phillipston of \$172.31, Ohio Casualty Insurance of \$228.00, Brookville and New Bethlehem Presbyterian Churches each \$100 donation for use of facilities, Deluxe Business Systems for checks of \$51.53, Clarion Co. Trails Assn. \$50 membership, and USPS for stamps of \$49.00.
- Credits and deposits totaled \$7,365.51.
- *Allocated/Restricted* reserve treasury funds totaled \$113,940.74.
- *Unrestricted* general funds were \$18,323.43.
- Bills are pending for memberships to Brookville Chamber \$40, Redbank Valley Chamber \$50 and EPTA for \$100.00.

A *motion* was made and approved to accept and file the December *treasurer's report* for audit and approve the payment of bills. (Mateer/Shirey)

Public Comments It was noted that trail use was up even in Winter with cross country skiers and hikers enjoying the trails with many positive comments.

Volunteer Hours

Sandy Mateer reported a current annual tally of **1482.3 hours**. Members are strongly encouraged to report their volunteer hours as soon as possible for 2014.

Punch-list & Grant Updates; 2014-15 Projects

HRRMA Sewage Project (Hawthorn):

- Darla met onsite on 12-31-14 while on a walk with the contractor on the Mayport phase who wishes to meet before restoration work proceeds. Contractor would like to put in cross drains and install limestone before crushed limestone to help with any drainage issues.
- It was reported that Ron Steffey forwarded the repair items identified in the RVTA's *punch list* previously submitted to Mike Malik of Senate. Chivers was done for the Winter but will return in Spring. It was agreed we would monitor conditions and present another punch list in Spring.
- Sandy was directed to contact Senate about the blocked culvert and water drainage near Miller Auto Body.

Climax Tunnel:

- Bill Braun was to check this week on damage to the right side of the West Portal. Palo Construction's work plan had been submitted for Phase I repair of the brick fall.

- Downstream of Climax: Darla has gotten crushed limestone down to St. Charles, donated crushed limestone will be used to Leatherwood. Timbering will be done between Leatherwood and Rock Run and then trail surfacing can proceed. A motion was made and approved to ratify the Rutkowski/AWP timber crossing agreement. (Mateer/Henderson)

Moore Rd. Kayak Launch: *Sandy Mateer* reported that the **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Grant** application had been approved and that we were waiting for the contract while also working on the agreement with the Siebachs.

Non-grant Updates:

Reclaiming Stone MM 32: Pam and Dave Henderson will talk to Matson Lumber, who is doing their timbering, about help in reclaiming the vandalized stone mile marker 32 that was rolled down the hill to the creek side. Other ideas of how to get it back up the hill before it goes downstream with the ice were discussed.

Lawsonham Washout on Sligo Spur: The DEP permit filed in April has been approved and received. Ron Steffey has been asked to provide us with the drawings submitted by Senate.

Northeast: The crossing agreement with AVL T has apparently been renewed as there is a road going through with no gate. A downed tree has been removed creating an open access road for ATV traffic on the trail. Ron has been asked to provide us with a copy of the agreement to determine if a gate can be installed.

Depot Street Spur (Brookville): Phil was able to maintain the budgeted funding, Senate has provided bid specifications and it is hoped that work will be able to proceed to open the spur. Bid invitations to put in drainage and fill in the culvert will go out in the next couple of weeks. Work will be needed to finish the spur.

Old Business: Previously discussed above.

New Business:

Jr. Achievement wishes to hold their run on May 16th. Darla requested insurance & needed information.

The need to establish the 2015 calendar of events was discussed.

Opening day hike will be on March 28th.

Clean up/Work day will be on April 18th with a rain date of April 25th.

The drainage swale agreement with Subway was discussed.

Trail users were reminded to get their dogs licensed, leash them and clean up after their dogs.

Members were advised of the PA Greenways Conference to be held in Warren on Sept. 20-21-22.

Executive Session: The Board met in executive session by motion (Connors/Henderson) to discuss a possibility for improvement of the Sligo Spur, the MOU with AVL T, and damage to the tunnel at Climax.

A **motion** was made and approved to adjourn the meeting. (Connors/Henderson) 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

s/Sandy Mateer, Substitute Secretary

Minutes Approved: Feb. 2, 2015