

## **Redbank Valley Trails Association (RVTA) Regular Mtg. Minutes – 5-20-13 at Brookville Presbyterian Church**

### Attendance

Board of Directors in attendance: Darla Kirkpatrick, Sandy Mateer, John Pozza, Ty Poster, Pat Conners, Phil Hynes, Galen Shirey and Bernie Marocco. Absent was Ray Doverspike. There were nine members from the public in attendance, including Terry Mateer, Bob Moss, Laura Lynn Yohe, Mark Kirkpatrick, Dave Henderson, Pam Henderson, Dan Bowser, Ron Steffey and John Crawford.

### Call to Order

President Darla Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

### Minutes

The minutes from the April 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected (Mateer/Conners).

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report by Ty Poster was reviewed and accepted to be filed for audit. (Mateer/Hynes). The current balance in checking is \$57,611.04. Bills were approved of approximately \$50 for painting bollards, \$180 for Jefferson Paving to roll the trail for the YMCA run and other use and \$66.78 for Williams Sanitation for the Summerville Port o'John.

### Volunteer Hours

Sandy reported that 575 volunteer hours had been reported to date with additional hours to be collected following the meeting.

### Election of officers

All officers agreed and were approved to continue serving another year, including Darla Kirkpatrick as president, Sandy Mateer as vice president, Ty Poster as treasurer and John Pozza as secretary. (Mateer/Conners).

### Shirey/Conners/Barrett Timbering Access Agreement

The scope of the timbering agreement changed somewhat. It is proposed to involve a 3,797 foot section of the corridor near the Longpoint Tunnel upstream from mile marker 8, and including a small 400 foot section downstream of the area near the Tipple Road crossing. John Crawford, representing Shirey Logging, said two skidder crews would be used and that the operation would be completed, weather permitting in about a month. The board asked Shirey to post a check for \$10,000 as bond which RVTA would hold to repair any damages. Other terms were discussed and approved by the Board, subject to AVLT approval.

A motion was made for revisions to be made to the timbering agreement which would be sent to individual board members immediately following the meeting for their final approval as soon as possible. (Mateer/Poster), with Conners abstaining.

#### Grant Updates

A motion was made to apply for the Commonwealth Financial Authority Grant due July 31st (collected from Marcellus Shale fees) for a maximum of \$250,000 to be used for repairs to the Climax Tunnel (Shirey/Conners).

In that Armstrong Rails to Trails Association would not be applying for the next round of funding through the Trail Volunteer Fund, a subsequent motion was made to apply for a maximum of \$10,000 through the Fund, due by June 1. The grant would be used for improvements on the Middle Run access, including grading, gravel, crushed limestone, bridging or piping at the creek crossing, and possibly fencing, pending approval of the adjacent property owners. (Mateer/Conners).

North Central Transportation Alternatives- Senate is working on the plans and work is progressing on getting access to the trail corridor for the contractor through adjoining properties.

#### Non-grant Updates

Phil Hynes reported on progress on the Brookville Spur. Senate Engineering is looking at ways to span the culvert. 106 students, parents, teachers and volunteers participated in the trail clean up in Hawthorn on April 23rd.

#### Day of Giving

Sandy reported that an expected \$41,162 was raised on the Day of Giving for the trail, which includes the match from AVLTT and an expected 24% match from the Armstrong County Community Fund but all amounts sent by mail still may not be accounted for yet. She thanked everyone that contributed including individual board members and memorial bridge contributors.

#### Old Business

A motion was made and approved to rescind the reserved funds of \$560 for purchase of a sprayer, \$500 previously reserved for the annual trail banquet and \$200 for Day of Giving expenses, the later which would now be reallocated as a reserve for costs associated with the June 1st Trail Dedication Day. (Mateer/Kirkpatrick). The Art in the Park promotion yielded a possible connection with a power company who may wish to donate money or time and materials to a project on the trail.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. (Mateer/Conners)

Respectfully submitted by s/John Pozza, Secretary

Minutes approved: 6/17/13