

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes –June 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 16 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Darla Kirkpatrick, Sandy Mateer, Patrick Conners Sr., Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Terry Mateer, Greg Faller (Clarion County Commissioner), Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), David and Pam Henderson, Ron and Bernie Noble, and AVLT Executive Director Ron Steffey.

The goals and objectives were read by President Darla Kirkpatrick.

Monthly Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the meeting minutes for the Board and Annual meetings on May 11, 2015 as corrected. (Shirey/Conners)

Treasurer's Report

RVTA Treasurer's report recorded a May 31st *ending balance* of **\$139,085.06**.

- *Allocated/Restricted* treasury funds were **\$119,775.98**.
- *Unrestricted* general funds totaled **\$19,309.08**.

A *motion* was made and approved to accept and file the May *treasurer's report* for audit and to pay the EPTA membership dues of \$100. (Conners/Hynes)

Public Comments

Ron and Bernie Noble brought and donated information they had gathered on the Puckerty Bridge in Jefferson County for use in creating an historical marker.

Terry Mateer reported on maintenance issues including HRRMA drainage line stones washed down on the trail near Mile 21, Fairmount City erosion issues and a tree in danger of falling by the pallet plant.

Volunteer Hours. *Sandy Mateer* reported that to date, **374 hours** have been reported for **2015**. Members are encouraged to report their volunteer hours.

Punch-list Updates; 2015 Projects

1. Climax Tunnel: The Clarion County MOU for the 2014 TAP funding was executed by Clarion County and delivered to AVLT and awaits their signature.

2. HRRMA Sewage Line Project Restoration Status: Seeding had been done despite our having been told it would not be done until the work had been inspected inspected. It was noted that a manhole was installed in the corridor. Darla and Mark inspected after heavy rain on 5/31/15. Erosion had filled a swale. Darla spoke with Contractor Troy today. They will cut water bars, remove debris, clean out the ditch, add a cross drain and move the manhole to the swale. Steffey noted that the swale should be restored. A pipe that Mark had installed upstream of 536 has been crushed and needs to be replaced at a lower level. There is a 1 foot overhang at the Mayport Gate. In Phase II, Johnston has not fixed the erosion near Town Run and Rhodes Salvage which has delayed installation of crushed limestone for trail restoration. Steffey noted that according to Mike Malik the sewage plant needs to put in a 6" pipe along their road next to trail.

3. Moore Road Kayak Launch. Bernie Marocco is working on the GP2 Permit with AVLT to sign as owner.

4. Depot Spur (Brookville): TR Excavating is to start work soon on repair of the washout. Galen and Phil met with the contractor 2 weeks ago. Contractor will be asked to submit a proposal for work to connect the spur to the main trail. A license agreement will be requested by RVTA for trail access. Ron Steffey offered that an event application was requested for access.

Events and Promotion

1. We are invited to participate in the Riverfest Parade in East Brady on July 17.
2. Peanut Butter Festival will be held on Sept 18-20 in New Bethlehem. It was agreed that we would have a tent and that members would volunteer to help man the tent.
3. The Greenways Conference will be in Warren PA on Sept 20-22. Mateer and Steffey encouraged members to attend for at least part of the conference.
4. The Brookville YMCA color run was approved for October 31, without using the "Run the Redbank" name. Brookville Borough may coordinate with the Y as a fundraiser for the spur improvements.
5. Darla suggested that Daryl of the Hanover eagle Facebook site be asked to visit and make a presentation on eagles. There was discussion that such a presentation might be offered at either at a meeting, special event or possibly as the guest speaker at an annual fundraising dinner with details to be worked out later.
6. The triathlon that had been discussed for this Fall, has been delayed until Spring 2016.

AWP/Rutkowski Timbering Update. One concern has been addressed. Owner will address the remaining concern of debris near a stone arch bridge with AWP.

DEP Well Plugging; Madison Twp. Darla met with Don Cornell of DEP re: 5 wells to be plugged as gas is affecting a nearby church. It will take a couple of months for DEP to organize. A motion was made and approved to allow DEP to use the corridor for access with a written agreement to assure that the contractor restores the trail to good condition after use. (Conners/Mateer)

Vegetation Abatement - Vegetation Management has work in progress and is nearing completion.

Day of Giving Report Although full details have not been received, RVTA's total to date is \$18,475.00 with a match of about 18% anticipated. All those who contributed were thanked.

Brookville High School Art Bear Installation The bear has been retrieved and is in Pat Conner's home. Sandy Mateer will contact area businesses for help with concrete pad installation and sealing.

Old Business – Website revision was discussed and suggestions were requested.

New Business

- It was announced that Redbank Valley Community Center youth corps is available for projects on 2 Thursdays each month.
- The draft Brookville Municipal Authority response letter was approved. (Hynes/Conners)
- The results of the meeting on May 28th with AVL and ARTA at Redbank was discussed briefly.
- The vandalized and destroyed bench near the Climax tunnel was discussed. Galen Shirey agreed to retrieve it to try to repair it.
- Darla reported that the Sheriff arrested 3 ATV users and a vehicle for defiant trespass by motor vehicle over the Memorial Day weekend near Redbank Station. Cost of the officers' time was funded by AVL.
- Hawthorn fire department requested a meeting to discuss access and a key to locks on the trail after a recent incident with a lost kayaker.
- Tax Filings – Tax filings were completed by the auditor. A motion was made and approved to file the tax forms if Treasurer Ty Poster finds them to be accurate and acceptable. (Conners/Marocco)

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting and move to executive session. (Mateer/Shirey); 8:25 PM.

Executive Session

- **Northeast Energy** - After discussion, a motion was made and approved to authorize Pat Conners to negotiate the NE Energy Agreement terms including provisions in a revised license agreement. (Mateer/Shirey).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 6, 2015