

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes –July 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with 16 in attendance at the Brookville 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 Carol Briggs, Terry Mateer, Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), David and Pam Henderson, Sandy Marsh, L. David Richards, and Tim Welsh.

1. **Goals and objectives** were read by President Darla Kirkpatrick.

2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the meeting minutes for the Board meeting of June 1, 2015 as written. (Marocco/Hynes)

3. **Treasurer's Report**

RVTA Treasurer's report recorded a June 30th ending balance of \$156,445.66.

- Allocated/Restricted treasury funds were \$121,228.68.
- Unrestricted general funds totaled \$35,216.98.

A motion was made and approved to accept and file the June treasurer's report for audit and to pay bills, including postage expense to be charged by Mateer. (Shirey/Marocco)

4. **Public Comments** Laura Lynn Yohe commented on color run safety precautions and reporting eagles' nests to the Game Commission. The June 12th Summerville storm damage and the number of other downed trees were discussed with the general consensus that we should put together a list of tree services for emergencies.

5. **Volunteer Hours.** Sandy Mateer reported that to date, 527 hours have been reported for 2015 with many not submitting their hours. Members are encouraged to report their volunteer hours.

6. **Grant Updates; 2015 Projects**

a. **Climax Tunnel:** Sandy and Darla reported on the scoping meeting on Monday June 29th for Phase 3 with Bill Braun of Senate, Ron Steffey of AVL T, Clarion Commissioners Brosius and Faller, and Penn Dot representatives.

b. **Moore Road Kayak Launch.** Bernie Marocco reported his extensive work on the GP2 Permit. A letter authorizing Bernie to act as agent is needed from AVL T as owner. The Board thanked Bernie for his work as our representative on this project.

c. **Website Revision** – Sandy reported that it was in progress with the Board's review needed. It was noted that Trail Link is not up to date despite numerous attempts by Darla to have corrections made.

7. **Non-grant updates; 2015 Projects**

a. **HRRMA Sewage Line Project – Restoration status** – Darla reported on inadequate drainage ditches, a meeting with Senate Engineer Harold Bowser, and conversation with Bernie Spozio of Clarion Conservation who is to speak with Bowser regarding dirt dump site pile eroding unto trail at Rhodes Salvage near Fishbasket and washout of rocks in new drainage ditch unto trail behind the new Subway site. A meeting is to be set up.

b. **Depot St. Spur** - Phil Hynes reported that TR Excavating began on June 5th but was delayed by excessive rain and muddy conditions. The spur will not be usable until crushed limestone has been installed. Grant and other funding will be sought.

- c. AWP/Rutkowski Timbering Update – Darla will check with contractor to replace gate with cement anchoring. Other work has been satisfactorily completed.
- d. DEP Well Plugging; Madison Twp. – More detail will be added to the agreement. Harrisburg official assured Darla that the contractor would repair any damage caused by their access. It was agreed that we would wait to put down crushed limestone until work was completed. A motion was made and approved to approve DEP contract subject to conditions in contract requiring contractor to make repairs for any damage caused to trail by their access. (Mateer/Shirey)
- e. Installation Schedule for Markers is to be set. Installing a 5K marker in New Bethlehem from kiosk toward Climax was agreed upon to limit proliferation of 5K signs.
- f. Brookville H S Art Bear Installation - Pending.
- g. Work day for soccer port-o-join/trail connection to be set after Galen Shirey reviews and plans course.
- h. Budget for trail improvement from St. Charles to the Allegheny River – Darla reported on township road sliding unto trail at Swartz Road and major slide at mile 2.6 with waterfall, 1 foot depth eroded from trail and many trees down. Steffey is to look at it. Madison Township would likely not repair slide from township road. A motion was made and approved to improve the first 6 miles of the trail with the \$20,000 previously allocated to include pipes, fuel, cleaning out ditches, work to get water off the trail, grading and crushed limestone. (Mateer/Shirey). It was agreed to ask AVL T for a matching contribution.
- i. Mateer requested that another layer of crushed limestone be placed on the trail between New Bethlehem and the Climax Tunnel this Fall to settle in over the Winter due to deteriorating condition of surface. It was noted that it was the first section surfaced with a thin layer in December 2011.

8. Events & Promotion

- a. Riverfest Parade in EB on July 17 was noted.
- b. Peanut Butter Festival, New Bethlehem Sept 18-20 - Tent sign-up sheet was circulated.
- c. Greenways Conference Warren PA Sept 20-22 was mentioned.
- d. Brookville YMCA color run on October 31 – previously approved. Phil is to speak with YMCA re: Brookville Borough partnering with YMCA to use as a fundraiser for spur.
- e. Daryl of Hanover eagle Facebook site – Mateer suggested a combined fundraising event with Daryl as guest speaker before the 2016 Day of Giving with RRI, RVCC and Library. A motion was made and approved to try to coordinate such an event. (Marsh/Connors)
- f. Day of Giving Report - Mateer reported that 38 contributed, up from 26 in 2014. Contributions were \$18,475.00 with an 18% Match of \$3235.50, online fees of \$139.29, for total funds raised of \$21,571.21.
- g. Redbank Valley Community Center trail cleanup projects are scheduled for Thurs. July 9, July 23, Aug. 6 and 20th and were approved.
- h. An unmanned Clarion County Fair Display through Tech Ready will be set up.

9. Old Business

- a. Bea Willeumier's family will receive friends from 3-5 at the Furlongs Funeral Home in Summerville on August 1, then walk, bike or drive to Moore Rd for a small service. Use of a tent was approved near the trailhead. The Siebachs offered additional parking.
- b. Tractor and tool storage was discussed with a suggestion to look at rental options.
- c. Conveyance status – Clarion GIS has still not resolved the mapping issue for the 1st 4 miles. If map numbers are not assigned, it was reported that area may need to be surveyed or subdivided.
- d. Soccer Association agreement – drafting in progress.

10. New Business

- a. An insurance claim has been made on AVL T's insurance for a rock allegedly thrown from mower which damaged a leaded glass door on a residence. It should be a covered expense.

b. Fence encroachment – James Murphy has requested a license agreement for installation of a privacy fence at his home between miles 6 and 7. He agreed to weed eat and maintain fence and landscaping. A motion was made and approved to approve the agreement with the additional requirement that we would not be liable for damages from vandalism. (Conners/Mateer)

c. Peoples for Bikes Community & EQT Grant Programs – Letter Of Intent due July 31st and EQT Foundation grant with August 1 and Nov 1st deadlines. A motion was made and approved to file for both grants. (Conners/Marocco)

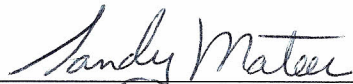
d. Middle Run ramps – After discussion of options for improvement, a motion was made and approved to improve Middle Run ramps with bollards, fences and gate as needed, and crushed limestone, using allocated Trail Volunteer Fund grant, with work to be done after HRRMA access and their work is done. (Mateer/Marocco)

The meeting then moved to executive session at 9:40 PM.

Day of Giving efforts, potential property purchase and the pending NE Energy Agreement were discussed. A motion was made and approved for Pat Conners to present a revised offer to NE Energy. (Mateer/Marsh).

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: August 3rd, 2015