

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with 15 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Patrick Conners Sr., Phil Hynes, Robert Moss, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Carol Briggs, Sandy Marsh, Terry Mateer and John Pozza. Darla Kirkpatrick and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) and Robert and Charlotte Carnes were also in attendance.

1. **Goals and objectives** were read by Bob Moss.

2. **Election of Officers** A motion was made and approved unanimously to re-elect Sandy Mateer as President, Bob Moss as Vice-President, Ty Poster as Secretary/Treasurer, and to elect John Pozza as Assistant Secretary to take notes during meetings. (Shirey/Conners)

3. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** The minutes for the Board meeting of April 4, 2016, were approved as written. (Conners/Hynes) A motion was made and approved to revise the minutes of Feb. 1st, 2016 to delete the words (8 hours at \$125/hour). (Conners/Marsh)

4. **Treasurer's Report.** The current balance was \$101,571.60, committed and reserved funds \$97,047.88, unreserved \$4,523.72. Accounts payable: \$1,362.95 for insurance, Day of Giving expenses \$21.00, Neese Trucking (Hawthorn/soccer field stone delivery) \$85 and a bill for 2B stone. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit and to approve payment of stated bills. (Hynes/Shirey)

A motion was made and approved to transfer reserved amounts of \$1,069.46 from New Bethlehem work and \$3500 from the bench fund to the unreserved general account. (Conners/Marocco)

5. **Public Comments.** The Carnes provided information on Puckerty Joe and bridges.

6. **Volunteer Hours.** Members and volunteers were asked to report hours.

7. **Grant Updates**

a. Climax Tunnel: PUC order is to be corrected, SW buttress contract is awaiting signature, meeting was held with Penn Dot, TAP funded work is to be let by August.

b. Doppelt Fund grant response is anticipated on June 4th.

c. Moore Rd. Kayak Launch. Yellow and brown signage colors and design presented by Bernie Marocco were approved by consensus. Additional stone will be placed when tractor is available.

d. Phil reported on Brookville's application for the North Central Greenways grant, trailhead improvement plans and bike racks. Borough has approved sending out bids for parking improvements.

e. A motion was made and approved to authorize Sandy to file a grant application to the Trail Volunteer Fund by June 1st for 1—2 miles of crushed limestone for miles 6 to 11.4. (Hynes/Shirey)

8. **Non-grant updates;** 2016 Projects-To Do List. The following projects were discussed:

a. **HRRMA Sewage Line Project** – Galen reported on restoration status.

b. **Soccer Field Port-o-John** connection in progress.

c. **Trail improvement miles 6 to 11.4.** Offer for discounted price for a committed quantity was discussed with AVLTT, no decision made.

d. **Middle Run.** No report.

e. **Mile and historic markers, benches, signs** - workdays to be set

f. **Vegetation Management** – spraying status was reported, spraying knotweed in Aug./Sept for maximum effect was discussed.

9. Events & Promotion Fundraiser and Event Scheduling

1. Sandy reported on the Great PA Clean Up/work days on April 29 at Hawthorn, and April 23, 2016 at New Bethlehem, Summerville and Brookville. Trash was picked up by Penn Dot on 5/2.
2. Procedures for Day of Giving on May 12, 2016 were announced.
3. Jr. Achievement Race is in New Bethlehem on May 21st.
4. Leader-Vindicator and Jeffersonian Democrat tabs were distributed.
5. East Brady Riverfest Parade was announced.

10. Old Business/To Do List

- a. The Soccer Agreement is awaiting notarization with AVL T.
- b. Crossing Agreements, Logo Use Policy, Adopt the Trail Program, Maintenance Manual, Post-Gazette Jefferson Award ceremony and Bernie's research on the 1st mile were discussed.

11. New Business - None

12. Executive Session – A motion was made and approved to move to executive session. (Shirey/Hynes)

- a. **Well Closures** - G&G Gas Agreement was approved. (Conners/Hynes)
- b. **Sligo Spur** – Current status and concerns were discussed with further research to be done.
- c. **Camera installation** to catch trespassers and vandals was discussed.
- d. Trespass and theft along trail in Baxter was discussed with strategy agreed upon. It was agreed limited action will be taken for actions in Heathville to recover damages for destroyed bench.
- e. **Sherry crossing agreement** was approved as revised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. (Hynes/Marocco)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 11, 2016