

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 16 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Patrick Conners, Sr., Phil Hynes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson, Mark Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer, David Richards and Tim Welsh. Bernie Marocco and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), Doug and Dottie Himes were also in attendance.

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

2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Board meeting of July 11, 2016. were approved as written. (Hynes/Moss)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Reports for June and July were presented and accepted to be filed for audit and accounts payable for the repairs and engineering on the Sligo Spur/Lawsonham washout for the contracted amounts less a \$2500 credit for rocks not needed, taxes, BCO10 and related accounting fees to Greg Rhoads, crushed limestone bill from Brady's Bend and trucking bill from Greg Perry for Miles 6 to 11.4 work were all approved. (Marsh/Conners)

4. **Public Comments.** Dottie and Doug Himes, Bob Brinker, Gary, Dillon, Mark and Darla Kirkpatrick were thanked for their work on the Sligo Spur. Dottie Himes suggested and will investigate a fundraiser involving walking sticks and stamps. Tim Welsh reported on a trespassing violation. A motion was made and approved to send a formal notice of trespass and to pursue enforcement with local police if needed. (Kirkpatrick/Conners). Volunteer work, benches, mile markers and shelters were discussed.

5. **Volunteer Hours.** Members and volunteers were asked to report hours on paper or via website. Those who had submitted hours were thanked.

6. **Grant Updates**

a. Climax Tunnel: TAP funded work- awaiting report from Engineer on status of contract advertising and letting date.

b. Moore Rd. Kayak Launch. Sign will be completed when health of contractor permits.

c. Phil reported on Brookville spur, kiosk, bollards and trailhead parking improvements.

d. Penn Vest grant work at Fishbasket and St. Charles is to begin in August, weather permitting.

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

a. **HRRMA Sewage Line Project** – Galen Shirey met with Mike Malik, Engineer for HRRMA regarding the complaints he filed on 2 unfinished items (silt bags not removed) which Malik agreed need to be corrected.

b. **Soccer Field Port-o-John.** Action was deferred on the Hawthorn port-o-john pending further information. It was learned that Williams Sanitation will provide a port-o-john at that location. It was noted that a drainage ditch was needed near the ramp.

c. **Middle Run to Fairmount City and AMD issue.** A motion was made and approved to authorize Richard B. Anderson, PE to review and provide a written report on a recommended improvement for the slope of the downstream ramp at a cost not to exceed \$300. (Conners/Marsh)

d. **Sligo Spur Improvements** – Washout repair was completed. The contractor has agreed to grade and roll up to the first bridge. The contractor was thanked for his efforts.

e. **Mile and historic markers, benches, signs** – Some installed, additional workdays to be set.

f. **Vegetation Management** – spraying effectiveness and extent was discussed, especially between miles 9 to 11. Darla Kirkpatrick agreed to contact company regarding areas of concern.

g. **Sherry Crossing Agreement** – Darla Kirkpatrick reported on requested changes.

h. **Columbia Gas Line replacement** near Lawsonham – additional information is needed on request.

8. Events & Promotion Fundraiser and Event Scheduling

a. August 13th Brookville Spur dedication plans were reported including the 9 AM Breakfast and 10:30 AM dedication.

b. Peanut Butter tent sign up was circulated for Sept. 16-18, 2016 and parade at 3 on the 17th.

c. The Brookville Chamber's request for an event on October 9 from Depot St. to Summerville was approved. It was the consensus of the Board that requests should go to RVTA and not AVLTL with no fee to be charged. This request is to be presented to AVLTL.

9. Old Business/To Do List

a. Crossing Agreements, Logo Use Policy, Adopt the Trail Program – no report.

b. Bernie reported previously that the Maintenance Manual was 85% complete as a working document.

10. New Business - A motion was made and approved to increase the rate paid to truckers for crushed limestone deliveries if necessary up to a specified amount. (Connors/Hynes)

11. Executive Session – A motion was made and approved to move to executive session.

a. Camera installations to catch trespassers and vandals was discussed.

b. Report from the July AVLTL meeting was discussed including the requested HRRMA Water line reimbursement of attorney's fees and the conveyance of trail to RVTA.

c. It was agreed to push excess gravel to the side during grading for a specific adjacent property owner's use along the Sligo Spur pursuant to discussions between the landowner and Darla Kirkpatrick.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: September 12, 2016