

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 16 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson, Terry Mateer, John Pozza and Tim Welsh. Patrick Conners, Sr., Chuck Marsh and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), Bob and Charlotte Carnes, Bill Haugh, and Robert Hughes, were also in attendance.

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

2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Board meeting of August 1, 2016, were approved as written. (Hynes/Moss)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Report for August was presented and accepted to be filed for audit (Shirey/Marocco). Accounts payable were approved as follows: KTH bill for clearing of invasives between miles 1 and 2 for \$500 (Shirey/Kirkpatrick), 10 maintenance vehicle signs at \$10 each (Mateer/Shirey), signs for the Lawsonham/Sligo intersection similar to other spurs (Shirey/Marocco), \$40 to Elder Equipment for rear view mirror for tractor, \$129 reimbursement to Bernie Marocco for Brookville property (Shirey/Kirkpatrick), approval of Carl Hooks' bench with \$500 donation, double bench for volunteer Gary Kirkpatrick, purchase of another load of limestone and load of 2A stone for completion of Lawsonham improvements, plus 6 loads of limestone that were delivered on 9/12/16 (Shirey/Marocco).

4. **Public Comments.** Comments were received regarding maintenance and volunteer work.

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 on 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 being ready, and trailhead parking improvements.
- d. Penn Vest grant work at Fishbasket is near completion. St. Charles is to begin mid-Sept., weather permitting.
- e. Trail Volunteer Fund grant completed on miles 6 to 11.4. Responsible volunteers were thanked for their work.
- f. NWC Grant application for Sligo Spur Improvements due 9-19-2016. A motion was made and approved to file the grant and draft a letter of commitment for matching funds of \$25,000 for the DCNR grant, \$4000 for the DEP grant and \$7222 for a combined grant. (Hynes/Shirey with Kirkpatrick opposed)
- g. The Penn Vest grant application by Clarion County Conservation District for the upstream ramp of Middle Run and bollards versus preferred fencing was discussed.

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

- a. HRRMA Sewage Line Project –was discussed.
- b. Soccer Field Port-o-John. Action was deferred on port-o-john pending further information.
- c. Middle Run to Fairmount City and AMD issue. No discussion.
- d. Sligo Spur Improvements – A drainage concern caused by township road work near Solida Rd. was noted.
- e. Mile and historic markers, benches, signs –Additional workdays to be set.
- f. Vegetation Management – Need for further investigation was noted.
- g. Mowing volunteers – Doug Himes has volunteered.

- h. Sherry Crossing Agreement – No report.
 - i. Designations for horse use – With Board’s approval, Gary Kirkpatrick will talk with horse riders to encourage their participation in creating a trail alongside with designating crossings for local use, with horses to stay off crushed limestone surface. (Shirey/Kirkpatrick)
- 8. Events & Promotion** Fundraiser and Event Scheduling
- a. August 13th Brookville Spur dedication – J. Pozza & committee provided a follow up report. Breakfast will be an annual fundraising event.
 - b. Pam Henderson was appointed chair of a standing committee to work on an annual RVTA fundraising event. Committee members will include Dave Henderson, Sandy Mateer, John Pozza, Phil Hynes and Bernie Marocco. Several ideas were discussed.
 - c. October 2, John Pozza will present a retrospective at Brookville Presbyterian Church at 1:30 before leading a walk.
 - d. October 8 Tour de Brookville at 9 AM, 32 miles
 - e. Brookville Chamber October 9 Depot St. to Summerville Family Fun Ride and Poker Run
- 9. Old Business/To Do List**
- a. Logo Use Policy, Adopt the Trail Program – no report.
 - b. Crossing agreements, enforcement of violations and maintenance issues were discussed including washout at Baxter, destroyed bench, drainage issue near parking area in Summerville and near the street crossing, drainage in Hawthorn near the portojohn and near the Moore Road bridges.
 - c. Bernie presented a draft of the Maintenance Manual and agreed to distribute it to the Board for review and comments, including addition of info on mowing and invasive species.
- 10. New Business** - Peanut Butter tent sign up was circulated for Sept. 16-18, 2016.
- 11. Executive Session** – A motion was made and approved to move to executive session.
- a. Columbia Gas line crossing at Lawsonham was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 3, 2016