

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 11 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), John Corsini, Mike Reed and Ron Steffey were also present. Board members Pat Conners, Sr., Ty Poster and Robert Moss were absent and excused.

1. Goal & Objectives were read by Phil Hynes.
2. The meeting minutes for the Board meeting of March 6, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Shirey).
3. Treasurer's Report – Report was previously sent. A summary was presented. A motion was made and approved to authorize payment of bills including for the Doverspike Memorial. (Hynes/Marsh) A motion was made to accept the report for audit. (Marocco/Marsh). A motion was made and approved to pay an additional \$1700 in costs for the Doverspike memorial including the outhouse. (Hynes/Marsh). A motion was made and approved to authorize \$500 for fuel in connection with culvert cleaning with donated use by Larry McCauley of a 4" pump and diesel motor. (Marsh/Shirey)
4. Public Comments – Discussion included culvert cleaning, extension of the Sligo Spur and the location of the Rimersburg Station site.
5. Volunteers were again encouraged to report their hours.
6. Grant Updates
 - a. Climax Tunnel – Ron Steffey reported that the tape securing the water mat appeared loose on the east, that footers were in and Palo was waiting for steel to be delivered. He advised that the bid for the next phase of guniting will need to be reviewed by CFA and DCNR as the funding sources.
 - b. Brookville Spur - Phil reported on plans for a cover over the picnic table at the Depot Street Trailhead.
 - c. NWC Sligo Spur Grant – Mateer reported that work was underway. Volunteers Gary Kirkpatrick, Mike Reed, Galen and John Shirey had decked and railed the Cherry Run bridge with approaches remaining to be done.
 - d. The Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for \$5000 was received on March 6, 2017 for decking and railing materials on the two trestles on the lower spur.
 - e. A Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund grant application for crushed limestone on the lower spur was submitted with announcements due on June 1st, however it was noted that over 200 applications were received.
 - f. A Clarion Co. Tourism Promotion Grant for maps was received in the amount of \$1175.00.
7. Non-grant updates; 2017 Projects
 - a. Middle Run to Fairmount City. DEP improvements to address the AMD issues are to be done in 2017-19. AVLT has signed the necessary paperwork to authorize the work along the trail. Work to improve that quarter mile section of trail is on hold until that work is done.
 - b. HRRMA Water Line Project – a meeting was scheduled for April 4 at 5:30 PM with Bison Contracting to discuss proposed work and trail impact.
 - c. Lower Sligo Spur improvements - 2 bridges are to be done along with drainage work. Gary Kirkpatrick, Mike Reed and Union High School Outdoor Club have been working on drainage and brush removal.
 - d. –Galen will try to address the Summerville drainage problem at the west side of State Street and clear the ditches when tractor is available.

8. Events & Promotion–
 - a. L-V Trail Tab – Mateer reported that the Trail Tab was to be released at the end of April
 - b. Jr. Achievement run for May 20th in New Bethlehem was approved by motion.
(Shirey/Marocco)
 - c. Annual fundraiser committee report – Mateer reminded everyone of National Opening Day for Trails on April 8 and National Trails Day on June 3rd and encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the trails.
 - d. Mateer announced details of the Redbank Valley Day of Giving on May 9th, including an anonymous donation of \$5000 to match the first \$5000 in donations.
 - e. Shelter costs & designs - Eagle Scout Colby – No report
 - f. Annual Earth Day Clean up events scheduled included April 21 with Hawthorn Intermediate 6th graders, April 22 at NB and Sligo/Huey, and April 23th with the Union H.S. Outdoor Club in Huey. Donated use of dumpsters was discussed.
 - f. Mateer, Hynes and Yohe reported on the Jefferson Co. Comprehensive plan public meeting on March 22 and noted that a survey was available on the Jefferson County planning department site. Phil Hynes and the Mateers attended to promote the Brookville to Brockway and Ridgway connection.
9. Old Business/To Do List -
 - a. Maintenance Guide – No report.
 - b. Historic Markers- Possible new markers were listed including Olean Trail, Puckerty Joe Homestead, Peanut Butter Factory, Lower Tile Plant, Leatherwood Station, Gristmill on Sligo Spur and Hawthorn Turntable. Information on those sites as well as other suggestions were welcomed.
 - c. Installation of the Linda King Memorial Picnic Shelter at a site ½ mile from Coder near the Puckerty Joe Homestead site was approved subject to approvals for access to site with materials.
(Marsh/Hynes). Ron Steffey approved on behalf of AVLTL.
 - d. Remediation needs, if any, at mile 18 – none were noted at this time.
 - e. Ditch Cleaner – Chuck Marsh will investigate if previously described pump doesn't work.
 - f. Nominating committee report – Phil Hynes presented the committee's report. There are 4 Board Seats up this year for election –one 1-yr. term to 2018, and three 3-yr terms (Ty, Phil, Galen). Phil announced that all current board members and David Smail of Brookville have agreed to serve if elected.
10. New Business
 - a. It was announced that the Annual meeting will be held in Brookville on May 1, 2017 at 7 PM.
 - b. An insurance committee of Sandy, Phil and Galen was approved by the Board by consensus to review insurance coverage.
11. Executive Session –
 - a. Conveyance – Peer to Peer status – possible peers were discussed with no action taken.
 - b. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Logging Access Agreement was discussed with no action taken.
 - c. Lawsonham-Rankin access and Walls Timbering Access Agreement – An onsite meeting is to be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 1, 2017