

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM with 10 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Galen Shirey and David Smail. Chuck Marsh and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Pat Conners and Bob Moss were absent. RVTA members in attendance were Carol Briggs, Ken King and Gary Kirkpatrick. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) and Robert Carnes were also in attendance.

1. Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers. The following were elected as officers each by motion and approval:

Galen Shirey as Assistant Secretary – (Hynes/Marocco)

Ty Poster as Secretary/Treasurer – (Hynes/Marocco)

Galen Shirey as Vice President – (Hynes/Marocco)

Sandy Mateer as President – (Hynes/Marocco)

2. Minutes. Minutes for the Board meeting of April 3, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Marocco).

3. Treasurer's Report – Report was previously sent by email. A summary was presented. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit. (Smail/Hynes).

4. Public Comments – Discussion included Clean up Day reports, the condition of the Summerville Portojohn and brush and trimming guidelines.

5. Hours. Volunteers were again encouraged to report their hours. It was noted that between the CC Wranglers, Boy and Cub Scouts Troop 403, Union High School Outdoor Club, and RV Intermediate School, 435 hours had been donated to clean up the main trail and Sligo Spur on April 21-23rd.

6. Grant Updates

a. Climax Tunnel – Dave Edwards of Senate reported that Palo should be done early. Bill Braun of Senate was to send the Phase 4 guniting plans to PUC and railroad for review and approval this week.

b. Brookville Spur - Phil reported that the picnic shelter at the Depot Street Trailhead was completed except for gravel fill to be done on May 2nd. Some additional funds over the grant may be needed to finish plans.

c. NWC Sligo Spur Grant – Mateer reported that brushing and invasive remediation was done. A motion was made and approved to authorize payment to KTH, Inc. of \$5000 for that work from the grant funds. (Hynes/Marocco). An RFP for grading and drainage is to be drafted.

d. The Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund Grant - decking and railing of the two trestles on the lower spur will commence pending weather and volunteer availability.

e. Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund grant application for crushed limestone on lower spur was submitted with announcements due on June 1st. It was noted that there were over 200 applications.

f. A Clarion Co. Tourism Promotion Grant for maps was received in the amount of \$1175.00. It was noted that 10,000 maps have been ordered.

7. Non-grant updates; 2017 Projects

a. Middle Run to Fairmount City. DEP improvements are to be done in 2017-19. Work to improve that quarter mile section of trail is on hold until that work is done. No further report.

b. HRRMA Water Line Project – Most lines have been dug, restoration work is still to be done.

c. Brookville Municipal Authority – A closure of the trail was averted for sewage line work which will instead be drilled under Depot St. Spur. Maple St. access is closed for use as a staging area.

d. 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. It was noted that donations on the Day of Giving would be appreciated.

e. Galen will try to address the Summerville drainage problem at the west side of State Street and clear the ditches when tractor is available.

f. Missing property corners at Rose Siding area will be investigated by Bernie and Galen.

8. Events & Promotion–

- a. L-V/Jeff Dem. – Mateer reported that the Trail Guide was released on April 26-27.
- b. Redbank Valley Day of Giving will be on May 9th, including an anonymous donation of \$5000 to match the first \$5000 in donations. Details were provided.
- c. Jr. Achievement run is May 20th in New Bethlehem.
- d. Ohl Methodist Church event application for Fall event has not yet been received.
- e. Annual Earth Day Clean up events 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.
- f. Mateer provided information on the Town and Trail Regional Coalition meeting in New Bethlehem on May 22, 2017 at 7 pm to which all were invited to attend.

9. Old Business/To Do List -

- a. Maintenance Guide – Additional comments are to be added for review next month.
- b. Historic Markers- Possible ideas for new markers were requested. Carol Briggs suggested the Baxter/Doullingville Hotel was to be torn down (built by the grandson of Moses Knapp in 1858), and Broken Rock and Olean Trail were suggested.
- c. Installation of the Linda King Memorial Picnic Shelter and leveling of site was discussed.
- d. Remediation needs, if any, at mile 18 – will be monitored.
- e. Ditch Cleaner – A need for cleaning near Smuckers was noted. Culvert cleaning with the previously approved machine should start after May 15th.
- f. It was noted that funding for gas well closures by G&G near Lawsonham was not approved.
- g. It was noted that directional signs at the Brookville Spur had been stolen on April 8th by trespassers on ATVs, and the post bent. The Board approved replacements. The theft and trespass had been reported to the police.

10. New Business

- a. An insurance committee of Sandy, Phil, Galen and Dave Smail will review insurance coverage.
- b. Installation of a gate at Carwick Road on the northern part of the Sligo spur near the Mike Smith property was approved by consensus.
- c. Installation of two more posts near the ditch at Leatherwood Station to prevent vehicles from accessing the trail was approved by consensus.

11. Executive Session –

- a. Conveyance – Peer to Peer status – Amy Camp was approved.
- b. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Logging Access Agreement - no action taken.
- c. Oliver-Walls Timbering Access Agreement was approved with a \$10,000 bond thru Sept. 30th.
- d. Cameras are to be relocated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: June 5, 2017