

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 2, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Pat Conners, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. Phil Hynes and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Ron Steffey was also in attendance.

- 1.** The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.
- 2. Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of March 5, 2018, were approved with corrected lettering. (Smail/Marocco).
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was not available due to the closing date falling on Saturday.
- 4. Public Comments.** There were no public comments.
- 5. Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report hours on website, by paper or email. A form was circulated to document hours for the month.
- 6. New Business -**
 - a. No report was received on the Brookville Eagle Scout project.
 - b. Dave and Bernie presented information and photos on proposed kayak launch sites in Brookville and Summerville. It was agreed to attempt to find property owner partners to develop the sites and to check on grant availability.
 - c. April 14th workday in Brookville will be directed by Bob and Bernie with the intent to cut brush from Coder to Baxter.
 - d. April 20th is the scheduled clean up with 6th graders in Hawthorn and April 21st in New Bethlehem for drainage, litter and brush. Sandy and Galen will direct volunteers.
 - e. Grant request – A motion was made and approved to submit a grant request for overage for Sligo Spur bridge material and for purchase of a trailer at an estimated cost of \$4500 to haul the tractor. (Shirey/Marocco)
 - f. Dave Smail is looking into a storage location in Brookville for hand tools. Other tools are stored in New Bethlehem.
 - g. May Annual Meeting – Chuck Marsh, Bob Moss and Dave Smail have all agreed to run for reelection.
 - h. Vegetation Managers – A motion was made and approved to authorize spraying of the main trail including the Brookville Spur up to a cost of \$3500. (Conners/Smail)
- 7. Grant Updates**
 - a. Climax Tunnel – Ron Steffey provided an update on Phase 5 rock fall protection work by mid-June, including 15' paved area inside tunnel, benches and tables for completion of DCNR grant before August 18th. He noted that a 6" drain had been cleared and that contractors were getting ready to pour concrete on the north side.
 - b. Lower Sligo Spur – Trail Volunteer Grant – work was completed on 2 lower bridges. Approach needs to be completed on the northern section on Cherry Run Bridge.
 - c. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission. Contractor should begin work as weather permits.

d. Mateer reported that a Doppelt fund grant application to assist with lower Sligo Spur completion was due for announcement on June 2nd.

e. Town & Trail Regional Initiative – Mateer reported that kiosk designs were underway and TODS was being investigated. Mateer reported that the bid from Pannier included the memorial bridge markers and 4 historic markers in order to obtain a better price based on quantities. A motion was made and approved to complete the memorial bridge markers using the rail mounted 12” x 18” design and 4 historic markers at Pannier’s cost of \$5050, plus design fees, with funding from the historic and bridge marker reserve. (Shirey/Connors)

8. Non-grant updates; 2018 Projects - To Do List

a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – J. Snyder began work which was well underway with a hoped for Spring completion date. DEP had cut scope of work due to complaints from RVMA. Trail remains closed in that area.

b. RR tie update – Rail 66 – Ties are to be obtained when weather permits dry access road.

c. PUC update – Mateer reported on the status of the PUC Secretarial Letter and necessary actions to be completed by October 31st.

d. Climax Tunnel Celebration is to be held on 8-18-18 at 11 AM with help from PEC and AVLT.

e. Mateer reported that RTC had authorized the loan and use of a trail counter for one year. An installation date was to be scheduled.

9. Events & Promotion

a. Mateer reported on the Bridge Builders Week of Giving results, and Redbank Valley Day of Giving plans for May 10th.

b. The L-V and Jeff Dem Trail Tab articles were submitted by March 30 with publication scheduled for the last week of April.

10. Old Business/To Do List.

a. Oliver Walls logging was still underway. A bond extension was to be provided.

b. Compile list of historic markers – ideas were presented.

c. Compile list for TODS – members will survey needs and report back. Moore Road was suggested. It was also suggested the co-marketing be done with the Scripture Rocks Park.

11. Executive Session Action.

a. A meeting on the conveyance study was set for April 12th.

b. Request for access – no response had been received to the proposed agreement.

c. Sligo Walker Farm Road issue – a meeting is to be scheduled with property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 7, 2018