

# REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 5, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 13 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church, S. White Street, Brookville, PA 15825. Board members present were Pat Conners, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. Ty Poster was absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Darla, Mark and Gary Kirkpatrick, Sandy Marsh, Terry Mateer and volunteer Robert Carnes.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of February 5, 2018, were approved as written (Hynes/Conners).
3. **Treasurer's Report.** A summary of the report was presented as previously sent by email. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit. (Shirey/Moss).
4. **Public Comments.** Darla and Mark Kirkpatrick briefly discussed their access and use request. The Board agreed to review the proposed agreement as modified by comments this evening and then forward to Kirkpatrick for review. There was a discussion regarding the need for a tool storage location with further investigation to be done.
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. Brookville Riverwalk project support. A motion was made to send a letter of support with a willingness to provide advice. (Marsh/Moss)
  - b. Bernie presented information and maps showing his GIS Mapping of Sligo Spur miles 1-4, with a goal of including data usable for a maintenance inventory.
  - c. A motion was made and approved to purchase a 20" chain saw, 2 pole trimmers and safety accessories from Dunlop with a 10% nonprofit discount. (Shirey/Smail)
  - d. Grant request – A motion was made and approved to submit a grant request for overage for Sligo bridge material and for purchase of a trailer at an estimated cost of \$4500 to haul the tractor. (Shirey/Marocco)
  - e. Ideas were requested for projects for 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the April Hawthorn Cleanup.
  - f. Bench requests were approved for the McCulloughs and 2 for the BAHS Class of 1960 subject to placement being acceptable. (Moss/Shirey)
  - g. Spring workdays will be held generally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday starting in April, weather permitting, with the place and time TBD. It was noted with thanks that Volunteer Carnes had trimmed from Brookville to Coder.
  - h. Gary Kirkpatrick: Reported on his survey of drainage culverts. It was approved by consensus that Bernie and/or Galen would provide advice and consent on method of repair at each culvert based on site conditions.
7. **Grant Updates**
  - a. Climax Tunnel - S. Mateer provided an update on Phase 5 rock fall protection work, including benches and tables for completion of DCNR grant. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to request that AVLT put the engineer and contractor on notice regarding leakage from ceiling at west end of tunnel. (Conners/Hynes).

b. Lower Sligo Spur – Trail Volunteer Grant – work was underway on preparation of materials for installation. Knox/Kane trail volunteers are to be invited when a work day is scheduled.

c. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission. Contractor should begin work when weather permits.

d. Mateer reported that a Doppelt fund grant application had been filed to assist with the lower Sligo Spur completion.

**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. Galen noted that a power line had to be moved and work had been slowed by weather.

b. RR tie update – Rail 66 - Galen will follow up on obtaining ties from Rail 66. It was reported that the ties were now available but that soft trail prevented access. A contractor with a log truck was suggested and approved at \$85 per hour.

c. PUC update – Mateer reported on the status of the PUC Secretarial Letter and necessary actions. A motion was made to approve purchase of sign posts up to \$1000 for installation by October 31st. (Conners/Shirey)

d. Goals for 2018 were discussed and included: a foot trail for kayaking at Rachel Carson on west side, more signage for Moore Road, TODS on I-80 and elsewhere; Kayaking launch in Brookville off Maple Street and in Summerville, possibly Swartz Road, completion of Sligo Spur and improving Middle Run ramps.

e. Climax Tunnel Celebration is to be held on 8-18-18 at 11AM with help from PEC and AVL and DEP has requested an event to celebrate completion of grant work.

**9. Events & Promotion**

a. Town and Trail Regional Initiative report – Sandy Mateer reported on the initiative and mini-grant projects that were underway. Kiosks at Lawsonham and SR 861 were discussed. The Board approved RVTA serving as the grant’s financial administrator for receipt and disbursement of funds for kiosks and possibly Tourist Oriented Directional Signage. (Conners/Marsh)

b. Mateer reported and the Board agreed by consensus to participate on the May 10, 2018 Redbank Valley Day of Giving and the Bridge Builders Week of Giving, and not to participate in the Armstrong County Day of Giving.

c. It was noted that Clarion Rotary has requested a presentation on March 12, which Mateer will attend.

d. L-V and Jeff Dem Trail Tab articles were discussed and ideas provided including kayaking, work days, donations for shelters, rest rooms, art installations, etc. Articles are due March 30.

**10. Old Business/To Do List.**

a. The Oliver Walls logging was discussed with questions regarding some of the work that require further investigation.

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

c. Compile list for TODS – members will survey needs and report back

**11. Executive Session Action.**

a. The status of the conveyance study was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 2, 2018