

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 7, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM with 13 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick, Pam and Dave Henderson, Terry Mateer, Sandy Marsh and Tim Welsh. Pat Conners, Dave Smail and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Robert Carnes was also in attendance.

1. Organizational Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reelect the current slate of officers of Sandy Mateer as President, Galen Shirey as Vice President, and Ty Poster as Secretary/Treasurer. (Hynes/Marsh)

2. Minutes. Minutes for the Board meeting of April 2, 2018, were approved as written. (Shirey/Marocco)

3. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was provided by email and summarized. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the port-o-john bills and \$418.70 for a 24" replacement culvert pipe taken from the Sligo Spur stockpile and used at mile 7.85. (Marsh/Hynes)

4. Public Comments. Tim Welsh offered spare bike parts for a donation to the trail. There was discussion of areas in need of refreshed crushed limestone to include Heathville, New Bethlehem, Depot Street and Baxter area and of acceptable brushing width at about 10 feet either side of trail treadway. Bernie Marocco noted he found another cistern near mile 2.

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. Grant Updates

a. Climax Tunnel – Update was provided noting adequate width on extension.

b. Trail Volunteer Grant – A grant in the amount of \$5,725.45 was received of which \$4,561.55 was spent on a trailer to haul the tractor and the balance used for the overage on bridge materials for the 2 lower Sligo Spur bridges and the approach on the Cherry Run bridge.

c. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Contractor has begun work and is making good progress with ditches created and all culverts installed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant a contract extension until October 31, 2018, due to weather delays. (Shirey/Marsh)

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

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

a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – J. Snyder began work which was well underway. Concerns were pressed with Snyder, DEP and Donna Oberlander regarding a deteriorated pipe that was now taking more storm water due to remediation design and which needs to be replaced. Trail remains closed in that area.

b. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize \$600 for 3 culvert replacements by Gary Kirkpatrick from existing pipe stockpile with locations to be determined by Bernie and Galen. (Hynes/Moss)

c. Middle Run ramp repair – A meeting will be set next week with a volunteer engineer to assess and recommend options for lessening the slope and surface improvements.

d. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize expenditure of up to \$15,000 for trucking and compacting surface for balance of crushed limestone from mine storage location to sites on the trail where limestone surface needs to be refreshed. (Mateer/Hynes)

8. Events & Promotion

- a. The L-V and Jeff. Dem. Trail Tab was published April 25-26 and copies were available.
- b. Mateer reported on the Bridge Builders Week of Giving results of 5 donors donating \$1140 with a 14% match of \$159 for total proceeds of \$1,299, and Redbank Valley Day of Giving plans for May 10th.
- c. Brookville work day. April 14th was cancelled due to weather and lack of participants. Next workday is May 12 at 8:30 AM at Depot Street Spur with work to be done from Baxter north.
- d. Mateer reported on the 55 participants including Boy and Cub scouts and others who worked on April 21st to pick up litter and clean ditches in New Bethlehem and the 95 students from RV Intermediate who picked up 65 plus bags of litter from Fishbasket to Mayport and cleaned ditches on April 26th. 8-10 8th graders are scheduled to work near RV High School on May 8th.
- e. The Jr. Achievement race was scheduled and approved for June 30 in New Bethlehem.
- f. Mateer reported on the Towns and Trails Initiative, kiosks and brochures underway and the next meeting in East Brady on May 17th.
- g. The Climax Tunnel celebration will be held on August 18th at 10:30 AM. It was agreed the Tim Welsh will lead a ride from the Depot St. Spur trailhead starting at 8 am, Dave Henderson will lead a group from Summerville at 8 AM and groups may be organized for a walk and/or ride from New Bethlehem to arrive at the tunnel at 10:30. Mateer, Pam Henderson and Phil Hynes volunteered to help at the tunnel.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. No response on the offered Kirkpatrick shared use agreement had been received.
- b. Sligo and Rimersburg markers were in progress. There was some interest expressed in a combined brochure to be inserted in the map holders along with other town brochures and maps.
- c. It was agreed by motion that historic markers will be placed at Ray Doverspike memorial, Puckerty Joe site, Brewery/Otto Milk/Peanut Butter plant, turntable and or tile plant. (Shirey/Moss)
- d. Colby George Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter installation was underway.
- e. Vegetation Managers – A motion was made and approved to replace a previous motion to authorize spraying of the main trail including the Brookville Spur, turntable and trees in trestles up to a cost of up to \$4,777.40. (Marocco/Hynes)

10. New Business -

- a. No report was received on the Brookville Eagle Scout picnic table project.
- b. PUC update – Mateer reported on the status of the PUC Secretarial Letter and necessary actions to be completed by October 31st. It was agreed that we would enter into agreements with Redbank Township, Toby and Madison Townships regarding our maintenance of warning signs required by PUC.
- c. Mateer reported that RTC had authorized the loan and use of a trail counter for one year. It was installed near the Liberty Street gate on May 2nd with help from Galen and Mike.

11. Executive Session Action.

- a. Conveyance study meeting was held on April 12th with Barney Scholl, Galen, Ty and Sandy.
- b. Sligo Walker Farm Road issue – a meeting is to be scheduled with property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: June 4, 2018