

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 4, 2019

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

1. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of February 4, 2019, were approved as written. (Shirey/Hynes)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was provided in advance by email. A motion was made to accept the report, file for audit, reimburse Bernie Marocco \$40 for the PNDI report obtained in connection with the Brookville Kayak launch and Gary Kirkpatrick for fuel and KTH bills. (Hynes/Shirey).

4. **Public Comments.**

a. Mr. Carnes requested that crushed limestone be applied on the 2.8 miles from Coder Run to Rose Siding and the Depot Street Spur or rolled to compact the ballast.

b. Gary Kirkpatrick reported on the covered bridge project and work days. He stated that all costs would be covered by the donors and that Gary would later reimburse them for overages. He requested approval for a fundraiser walk, snacks and dinner in Heathville that he and Darla K will organize and run to help fund overages on the covered bridge project at 4 pm on a Saturday for \$100 per couple with a limit of 20 couples. A motion was made and approved to approve the walk for the purpose of covering reimbursement to donors for amounts over donation and food costs, provided that the donors covered all costs for the bridge without cost to RVTA. (Shirey/Hynes) It was noted that remaining beautification costs could also be used.

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. The potential slide at mile 3 was discussed and it was agreed to monitor and bring to attention of landowner Armstrong Conservancy.

b. A motion was made and approved to appoint John Corsini to fill the remainder of Pat Conner's board seat until the May election. (Marsh/Smail)

c. Phil noted that a new cross-country ski sign was needed to replace a missing one.

7. **Grant Updates**

a. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur– Almost all PUC signage has been installed and crushed limestone will be applied when grading and drainage improvements of the lower 3 miles from SR 861 have been completed. It was noted that Brady's Bend mine is limiting access to mine for 3-4 weeks. A motion was made and approved to extend the Rapp contract completion date to June 30th. (Shirey/Marocco).

b. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Only an accessible parking space and signage remains to be done in Spring. A partial reimbursement from DEP has been received. A meeting will be scheduled with Rimersburg regarding their dumpsite access.

c. Grant opportunities – DCNR C2P2 was discussed with no application to be filed pending conveyance.

d. Eccles Foundation – Grant was filed and received for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements. A motion was made to approve 6-7 additional pipe installations at no more than \$200 per installation. (Shirey/Marocco).

e. Doppelt Fund was due Jan. 31st and was filed for improvement of parking areas, crushed limestone and equipment. Announcement of awards will be in June.

f. The PEC nomination for an award was due and filed by Feb. 8th.

g. The Western PA Conservancy \$4000 river access grant was awarded for the kayak launch and parking area in Brookville. Dave Smail reported on the status. Installation was discussed with signage, split rail fencing, #3 stone, fabric and about 10 parking spaces.

8. Non-grant updates; 2019 Projects - To Do List

a. It was agreed by consensus that Quinlan Griffin's Eagle Scout Project will be advertised on FB and website to assist with donations for materials.

b. Resurfacing remains pending good weather: It was agreed that 3 inches should be put down and a committee will need to flag or mark and get specific lengths and locations to include approximately: New Bethlehem between gate and Bostonia spur, Heathville between bridges, in Summerville below Bauer Road near Hendersons' to State Street, Mayport and 2.8 miles from Coder to Rose Siding bridge and Depot Street, with greater specificity to be determined as funding permits.

c. Work needs to be scheduled for drainage work at Yount Road.

d. Fairmount City and Middle Run ramp repair is pending and to be done by Glenn Shick. Ramps are to be lowered and crushed limestone or other surfacing applied after a plan is approved and adjacent owner is notified.

e. Bridge and historic markers need to be installed.

f. Parking at Baxter needs to be enlarged with bollards moved back.

g. Bridge decking needs to be inspected and boards replaced.

9. Events & Promotion

a. Towns and Trails Regional Initiative. The next phase will include TODS signage most likely at Moore Road and possibly at Summerville unless signage on a building can be arranged.

b. Bernie reported on the IHTC PA Wilds Loop Meeting on Jan. 8th in Clarion.

c. May 4th will be the annual clean up day.

c. May 9, 2019 will be the Redbank Valley Day of Giving.

d. The need for a fundraising event was discussed.

e. Bernie was thanked for his work on the new kayak launch and creek trail maps.

f. Lawsonham creek access was discussed.

g. Map advertisement costs were reviewed and approved.

10. Old Business/To Do List.

a. Work days will be set weather permitting or as otherwise needed. Time and place to be determined. Dave will contact probation for use of the Orange Patrol.

b. New historic markers might include: Baxter cistern, Hawthorn Grist mill, Sligo Spur and grist mill, Leatherwood Station and Olean/Broken Rock Indian trail.

11. Executive Session. Galen Shirey/S. Mateer moved to go to executive session. The Conveyance Study status was discussed with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. (Hynes/Shirey).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 1, 2019