# REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION
## Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 8, 2020

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 12 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were, Phil Hynes, Sandy Mateer, Galen Shirey, Bob Moss, Ty Poster and Dave Smail. John Corsini, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh were absent and excused. RVTA members, Chip Dougherty, Dottie & Doug Himes, Darla & Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer and Tim Welsh were in attendance. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.

**1. Minutes.** Minutes of the May 18, 2020, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Smail)

**2. Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Ty Poster presented his report. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit. (Hynes/Shirey). A motion was made and approved to pay the outstanding bills. (Hynes/Smail).

**3. Public Comments.** Discussion included voting procedures and policies, trail maintenance and other issues.

**4. Grant Updates**

Grant Updates – Sandy Mateer presented the following updates:

a. Mile 19/Long Run – Mateer reported that grants received included the Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund, PEC and People for Bikes along with private donations. Clarion County Tourism grant was filed.

A motion was made and approved to proceed with the CONTECH bridge contract and the site work bidding when the engineering is completed by CONTECH. (Hynes/Poster)

A motion was made and approved to contract with Smith Hauling for the crane work. (Hynes/Shirey)

b. Eccles Foundation Grant – $2800 for gates on Sligo Spur was awarded. Discussion on funding, contracting and placement was deferred.

c. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Application for the Lawsonham Arch erosion was filed on May 29th.

**5. Non-grant updates**; 2020 Projects - To Do List

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Material was distributed at Heathville with 2 more loads needed there and at several other locations including New Bethlehem and Mayport among others.

b. Slides at mile 35 and other locations are being reviewed and addressed.

c. Gates on Main Trail – Baxter bollards were damaged and are to be replaced with gates. A motion was approved to have a new gate system installed at Baxter on the main trail out of general funds at a cost not to exceed $700. (Hynes/Smail)

d. Trees on structures were recommended to be removed by the engineer, including at Lawsonham. Chuck obtained an estimate of $400 for removal for comparison purposes but volunteers may be used to do the removal of the small trees above the arch. Such work needs to be done on other structures also.

e. Workdays were discussed possibly using volunteers from Cresco, a Brookville Company for portions in Jefferson County. Dave Smail will contact Doug Himes.

f. Shirts for volunteers – A motion was made after the executive session to approve $200 for shirts (Hynes/Smail).

g. ATV use in Sligo was discussed. The State Police are doing extra patrols.

**6.** **Events & Promotion**–

a. L-V and Jeff Democrat Trail Tab – June release is anticipated.

b. Redbank Valley Day of Giving will now be held July 9th. A motion was made and approved to approve the walk on July 4th with appropriate social distancing encouraged. (Poster/Shirey)

c. Eagle Scout and Soccer Club projects. Quinlan Griffin's erosion and step construction at the trail side of the Bostonia Spur has been completed. The Brookville girls' soccer club worked with Bernie Marocco on putting preservative stain on the benches and shelters on the Depot Street Spur.

d. Bench or table requests – BAHS Class of 2020 is submitting a request. It was approved with placement to be determined.

e. Trail Usage – Phil and Dave are to check with Bernie on installation of an existing trail counter at Depot Street.

**7.** **Old Business** - None

**8.** **New Business** – Policy reviews were deferred to executive session and then tabled for later discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


s/S. Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved:    July 6, 2020