

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 1, 2021

The board meeting was called to order online via Zoom at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance by Zoom. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Ty Poster, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Soni Heeter and Terry Mateer. Chuck Marsh was absent and excused.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Ty Poster.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of November 2, 2020, were approved as written. (Hynes/Marocco). (Note: no meetings were held in Dec. 2020 or Jan. 2021 due to Pandemic.)
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Ty Poster presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report for audit. (Corsini/Moss) A motion was made and approved to move \$20,000.00 from the December Challenge Funds to the Crushed Limestone reserve and to move \$2,668.04 remaining in the Mile 19 reserve to trail maintenance. (Hynes/Corsini). A motion was made and approved to pay \$55.90 to Brocious Lumber for Quikrete for bench installations. (Shirey/Marocco).
4. **Public Comments.** Discussed under other categories.
5. **Grant Updates**
 - a. Mile 19/Long Run – Mateer provided an update on the Long Run project with a completed cost of \$125,259.19.
 - b. Eccles Foundation Grant of \$2800 was noted as completed. The Armstrong Co. Community Foundation grant of \$3400 was also completed and both reports will be or were filed. The Serving the Heart/Armstrong Community Foundation wish list was discussed and will be updated.
 - c. Eccles - A 2020 grant request to Eccles Foundation for 6 additional gates, culvert pipes and other Sligo Spur improvements was filed by the November 1st deadline and thereafter amended to add parking area improvements. John Corsini suggested Eccles might consider another request for grant funding later this Spring.
 - d. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –Mateer provided an update that DEP grant reimbursements requested in October were received on January 11, 2021, DEP permits were received and RFP, contract and advertisement were ready to send. By motion, the Board agreed upon a site meeting on Feb. 15th with bids due on March 1st. (Shirey/Corsini)
6. **Non-grant updates; 2020 Projects - To Do List**
 - a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – The Board was asked to send detailed recommendations of where CL was needed to Galen. The work is to be done as soon as weather permits.
 - b. Maintenance Team Reports – The Board agreed that no further work was to be done at mile 40.3 since what TBC has done already may be sufficient. Board will review after weather improves. It was agreed to leave the bollard off at the Brookville Spur. Galen reported on the work done to repair the sink hole and the probable cause of the damage in Hawthorn across from Wiant Lane.
 - c. It was agreed to contact Hawthorn regarding their storm sewer project about concerns for impact on trail.
 - d. The Brookville Maintenance Agreement was on hold with the Borough.
 - e. Summerville Story Project update. Dan Bowser reported that they may be looking now at a simple shelter.

f. Bernie suggested a location map project with maps to be posted along the trail showing each location. A motion was made to approve the project with Bernie to obtain cost estimates. (Shirey/Smail)

g. Locations for possible camp sights was discussed to possibly include Rose Siding, Moore Road and Leatherwood Station. It was noted that access would be difficult at Rose Siding and that further investigation would be needed.

7. Events & Promotion

a. Fundraising –It was noted that the December Challenge raised \$27,965.39 net. The personalized postcards sent by Pam Henderson for membership renewal reminders and donations raised \$840 in memberships (\$500 lifetime) and \$140 in donations and helped clean up the mailing list.

b. The Spring clean up days will depend upon Pandemic conditions at the time.

c. The Day of Giving is tentatively set for May 6th.

d. A possible Marathon or Ultra Marathon may be held on September 11th by a third-party organizer with donations of a portion of proceeds to trail.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:15 PM. (Shirey/Moss)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 1, 2021