

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Board Meeting Minutes Monday, May 2, 2022

The board meeting was called to order at 7:26 PM immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting. There were 19 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present included Sandy Mateer, Phil Hynes, John Corsini, Diane Corsini, John Phillips, Terry Schuckers, Galen Shirey, and Ty Poster. RVTA members in attendance were Carol Schuckers, Mark Kerr, Bob Moss, Randy Hagofsky, Judy Jacklin, David Richards, Linda Smith, Sue Shirey, John Shirey. Mark Beckett and Logan Hicks were also present. Board member Bernie Marocco was absent and excused.

1. **Organizational Meeting:** A motion was made and approved to retain present officers of the board. (Shirey/Hynes)
2. **Board Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2022:** A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting. (Poster/Schuckers)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ty Poster distributed the treasurer's report and reviewed current balance in checking, committed and reserved funds, and accounts payable with the members present. A motion was made and approved to receive the treasurer's report for audit as presented. (J. Corsini/Schuckers)
4. **Public Comments:** David Richards addressed the board about the continuing work of the Brookville Trails committee. They are proceeding with formal organization and welcome anyone who would be able to assist them in their venture to become fully operational. They meet in Brookville at the YMCA at 6:30 pm the first Thursday of each month. RVTA Board members are invited to attend the meetings and contribute any information that would be helpful since we have been through the organizational procedures and are acquainted with the various challenges and requirements.
 - a. Scout Logan Hicks was invited to present an update on his Eagle Scout project for the 14x30 picnic shelter which will be built at an estimated cost of \$3577.88 at the site of the old depot. The cement pad will be cleaned and restored. The new shelter will be built with a cupola that will be reminiscent of the one that was on the depot.
5. **Grant Updates:**
 - a. Eccles Foundation Grant—Gates and improvements on the Sligo Spur. Gates are being replaced as they can be purchased along with some other needed expenditures. The grant will end on June 30, 2022 and we can apply for an extension.
 - b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant—Lawsonham Arch. Sandy reminded us about the convex mirror to be purchased and placed at the entrance of the Lawsonham trail head for the safety of the patrons exiting the parking area.
 - c. Trail Volunteer Fund—The grant has been approved. We have received the money for the new leaf blower. A motion was made, seconded and approved for us to purchase the new leaf blower with the model on wheels that can be pulled behind a pickup or loaded in the pickup bed as soon as it can be obtained so we can keep the trail maintained throughout the summer and especially in the fall season. (Mateer/J. Corsini)
 - d. Jefferson & Clarion County Tourism Board—Maps prices have gone up because of current economic situation but they will be updated and ready for use this year.
6. **Non-grant updates; 2022 Projects—To Do List**
 - a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing—working on it.

- b. Gate replacements on main trail—working on it.
 - c. Maintenance reports and concerns—Many of the bridges need to be repaired due to some of the boards on the surface rotting and becoming a hazard. We should look into obtaining a replacement grant for the time the bridges need major repair or replacement.
 - d. Memorials and Donations—New bench request between Pottery Field & Mayport. There was a brief discussion of the need for benches in some locations while others spots seem to have enough benches placed. We also talked about a 2 picnic tables at suitable locations. We then moved and seconded that we purchase 2 picnic tables and 4 benches. (Poster/Schuckers) Approved.
 - e. Creek Access request—We will wait until we get more information.
 - f. Map Update—In progress.
- 7. Events & Promotions**
- a. L-V and Jeff Dem Trail Tab—This is always a good way to get the word out about the trails and this year was another good promotion in both papers.
 - b. Redbank Valley Day of Giving—There will be more notices this week.
 - c. Annual Clean ups-5th & 6th graders, Brownies, Cub Scouts have all volunteered to assist in the trail clean up. Each group will be assigned to do specific areas and work together with supervision. We are grateful for the patrons and volunteers who help with trail maintenance and clean up. Motion by (Shirey/Phillips) that the 8 tires left to be disposed of at the new trail bridge over caved in arch be picked up by Ted Kunselman. (Approved)
 - d. Scheduled events: Eccles Storybook Project this year will be May 28 until Labor Day on the Sligo Spur in Lawsonham for .5 mile. On June 11 TRI-M Color Run. (Approved by unanimous consent).
- 8. Old Business—**
- a. Summerville Station Project Caboose delivery was postponed due to illness. Motion by (Poster/Shirey) to sign the document for the Executive License Agreement. (Approved)
 - b. Sandy brought the Conflict-of-Interest policy and document for the board to sign to keep us in compliance with current tax laws. Motion by (D. Corsini/ G. Shirey) to sign the policy. (Approved)
- 9. New Business—**
- a. Trees over the arch at Lawsonham need to be trimmed or removed where they are growing into the arch. Motion by (Hynes/J. Corsini) to have it done by Tim Engro. (Approved)
 - b. Sandy suggested since we no longer have a bike repair shop in town, that we could add a bike-fix-it station along the trail at the town center with town center paying half the cost. Motion (J. Corsini/Poster) to purchase a bike-fix-it station like the one we got for Ray's Place on the trail. (Approved.)
- 10. Meeting adjournment at 8:19 PM— Motion by (J. Corsini/Phillips) (Approved)**

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ John C. Phillips

John C. Phillips, Asst. Secretary
Minutes approved, June 6, 2022