

February 2014 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

Dave Decoteau
Frank Dombroski
Tyler Dombroski
Bill Hause
Mike Mills
Bob Stoudt
Jerry Ward

Public:

Dan Knorr
Ralph Schumacher
Dave Walker

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Mike Mills.

President's/Treasurer's Report – Mike Mills:

Mike reviewed the treasurer's report from January. Motion made by Jerry Ward to accept the report; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Tyler provided an overview of the November 2013 minutes.

Motion made Frank Dombroski to accept the minutes; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Frank commented about continued vandalism at the Washingtonville baseball field. Frank and Tyler also mentioned that Van Wagner would be performing a concert at the Jane E. DeLong Memorial on February 23rd.

Danville – Bill Hause commented about the three year agreement between MARC and the Borough. Dan Knorr also commented that the Council had approved all 2014 MARC events.

Riverside – No members from the Borough were present.

Montour County – Jerry Ward declined to make a comment.

Danville Area School District – No members of DASD were present at the meeting.

Public Comment:

Dave commented that there have been individuals interested in the Montour 24. There has been a few individuals who have now signed up.

Event's Manager Report – Dave Decoteau:

Dave discussed the creation of his River Towns Cycling Classic website. Dave commented that organizing categories has been difficult but finding sponsors has been going well. He also noted that multiple races have been officially sanctioned and the permitting process has been started.

Dave commented that MARC is at 78% registration for the Humdinger. Dave thinks that the current weather has likely hurt registrations.

Dave mentioned that the Marathon is 256% ahead of last year's registrations.

Dave thinks that Facebook has been very helpful in promoting RTRS events, especially for the price.

Expense/Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

Bob noted that he purchased a first aid kit as well as had his chainsaw fixed. His chainsaw was damaged working along the NBCT.

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Motion made by Jerry Ward to accept the report; seconded by Bill Hause; motion carried unanimously.

Bob commented that the NBCT has been cleared of 2.3 miles of vegetation.

Bob mentioned that the final closeout payment from the Susquehanna Greenway grant has taken place and has been closed out.

Bob noted that he had attend the Mahoning Township's Supervisors meeting today. Although they are pleased with progress of the NBCT, he does not think that they are interested in joining MARC. Bob also commented that Mahoning Township is fine with MARC using chalk based paint for events.

Old Business:

Columbia County service agreement

Bob discussed the creation of a partnership between MARC and the creation of a Columbia County recreation organization. Columbia County is in favor of this organization and has already approved it.

Bob mentioned that he is vice president of the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau which makes things difficult because it could be a conflict of interest with MARC. Recent issues between the Commissioners and the Bureau also makes this agreement difficult.

Mike stressed that this agreement is an annual agreement. Columbia County will pay MARC two payments of \$10,000 for provided labor and miscellaneous expenses.

Bob commented that this memorandum of understanding is a stripped down version of its original version. He wants to have the exit clause that was taken out of this agreement put back into the official agreement.

Dave expressed concern regarding the expectations of Columbia County considering their wish for 400 hours of labor. Bob mentioned that he discussed what realistic expectations to the Commissioners were.

Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve this agreement on the condition that the exit clause be added back to this document; seconded by Bill Hause; motion carried unanimously.

2014 mowing contract

Bob commented that this agreement remains largely unchanged. However, the Mahoning Flats are now being included as a part of the contract. He also noted that the NBCT and the PPL East Branch Recreation Area has not yet been opened. Bids will need to be in before the start of the next MARC meeting.

Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve advertising of the mowing contract; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

North Branch Susquehanna River cleanup event

Bob mentioned that this event will tentatively be taking place on May 17th. This could be an event for our event for MARC and the new Columbia County recreation organization.

Possible use of Hess Recreation Area for Danville School District Lacrosse

DASD has mentioned that team might be going to varsity status next year. Bob has noted that Matt Gerdy has done a great job with keeping the field looking sharp in the past. Bob asked if DASD mowed the Hess Field, MARC would let them use the field. That agreement is just a theory at this point.

Bob noted that the NBCT is far enough along to start promoting a logo contest.

Bob mentioned that it is getting to be the time of the year to start discussing the 2014 Concert Series. Sponsors and artists have already shown interest to Bob.

Adjournment:

Frank Dombroski made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; carried unanimously.