

March 2014 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

Tyler Dombroski

Bill Hause

Mike Mills

Mike Smith

Bob Stoudt

Jerry Ward

Joe Ward

Public:

Mark Beagle

Dave Decoteau

Garret Kerstetter

Ralph Schumacher

Andy Slocum

Frank Spaid

Dave Walker

Crystal Weiss

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike Mills.

Old Business:

2014 Mowing Contract Bid Opening

Four bids were turned in for this year's contract. Mike Mills opened the bids and read them out loud at 7:00 pm. All insurance and bid bond requirements were necessary to bid on the contract. The four bids were recorded by Bob Stoudt and projected on a screen for all attendees to see. The results of the bid opening were to be posted on the MARC website.

Creative Landscapes was the low bidder on the contract at a total \$16,594.30 with a \$50/hr charge to do work on the NBCT.

Motion made by Jerry Ward to accept the bid on the condition that Solicitor Marks recommends the bid; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

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 February 2013 minutes. Dave Decoteau suggested moving his name from "attende" to "public."

Motion made Mike Smith to accept the minutes; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Tyler reported that Van Wagner had recently had a concert at the Jane E. DeLong Memorial. Bob commented that it was a good show.

Danville – Bill Hause declined to make a report.

Riverside – Mike Smith declined to make a report.

Montour County – Jerry Ward declined to make a report.

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

Public Comment:

Dave Walker commented that two more people registered for the Montour24.

Event's Manager Report – Dave Decoteau:

Dave stated that almost 1,300 people have liked the RTRS Facebook page. Dave thinks that over time that Facebook seems to be more successful of an advertising tool than newspaper, radio, etc.

Dave commented that about 80 people volunteered at the Humdinger. Dave thinks that MARC needs to reassess whether the Dark Dinger should continue in the future due to lack of registrations and alcohol concerns. Mike Smith commented about holding this event at another point during the year. Dave Walker also commented that running both Humdinger races can be expensive. Although Bob mentioned that MARC only has Borough approval to have this event on the first Saturday in March.

Dave also mentioned about making changes to the climbing wall in the future due to safety concerns. In a separate incident, a woman did break an ankle.

Dave discussed getting sponsors for water stops during the Marathon. Dave suggested making this a competition with prizes/incentives for the winning sponsor. MARC would still provide water, snacks, etc.

Concerns were raised about financial aspects of this plan. Bob suggested using this idea for other races in the future.

Dave reviewed how he's been spending his hours working on RTRS events.

Expense/Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

Bob said he is working on the DCNR grant with Brinkash and Associates to do a site plan. Bob commented that this grant could be used to create the trailhead depending on PennDOT requirements (either at the current mowing location or near the railroad crossing).

MARC's only open grant is currently with the tourism fund.

Bob commented that the NBCT has been cleared of 2.5 miles of vegetation.

Bob announced that MARC passed all of its audits.

Bob has started to work with Columbia County Recreation and Events Committee (CCREC).

Bob stated MARC will not be providing assistance to Pumpkin Palooza in the future.

Bob discussed the Humdinger t-shirt bill of \$1951.88. Motion made by Bill Hause to pay the bill; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mike Smith to accept the report; seconded by Joe Ward; approved unanimously.

New Business:

North Branch Canal Trail Logo Contest

Bob commented that there were three submissions. Bob then displayed the logos to the Board. Bob thinks that not enough groups are credited on the current submission.

There were suggestions of keeping this contest open or altering one of the current submissions. No action was taken at this time.

Humdinger 2015 planning

Bob believes MARC made \$2,120. This was less than expected however conditions were very poor. \$45.43 was spent per racer. It was \$35.28 in 2013. Although more was made on last year's race, more tourism fund money was also applied.

The price of registration was raised for 2014. Dave Walker and Dave Decoteau commented that few comments were made about race prices with the exception of the DarkDinger.

The Board agreed that it wanted to do the Humdinger again in 2015 with an earlier start at the same pricing.

The DarkDinger might be moved to another day in the year.

Kids Marathon

Geisinger has been very proactive in trying to make this program a reality again in 2014. Geisinger has even suggested that it would pay for a number of this program's costs.

Bob would try to get a donation from Geisinger to cover his man hours.

Adjournment:

Tyler Dombroski made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm; seconded by Jerry Ward; carried unanimously.