

## September 2014 MARC Minutes

### Attendees:

Frank Dombroski

Tyler Dombroski

Bill Hause

Mike Mills

Bob Stoudt

Jerry Ward

### Public:

Dave Decoteau

Jen Kline

Kathy Schumacher

Ralph Schumacher

Dave Walker

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Mike Mills.

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

Mike reviewed the treasurer's report from August. Jerry stated that the Commissioners are allocating \$20,000 to MARC through Act 13 funding. This \$5,000 increase is due to MARC's oversight over Hopewell Park

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

### Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Tyler provided an overview of the previous month's minutes. Ralph clarified that the annual rugby event is a "free rugby event," not a "tournament" per rugby's certifying body

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

### Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Tyler noted that he enjoyed helping out at the Cycling Classic.

Danville – Bill reiterated how nice the new trails are at Hopewell Park. Dave commented how valuable the volunteers have been with the trail.

Riverside – No report; no elected representatives present.

Montour County – No report; no elected representatives present.

Danville Area School District – No report; no representatives present.

Public Comment:

Ralph commented that next year's rugby event will be dedicated to his father who was a decorated World War II veteran. A bag piper will likely be at next year's event.

Jen Kline commented that she really enjoyed the cycling classic (she participated in multiple events). She suggested that the vouchers should be able to be used for more events next year, particularly on Sunday (when many businesses and the Arts event were closed). Dave commented some vendors called the night before stating that they were not going to be able to come for various reasons.

Event Manager's Report – Dave Decoteau:

Dave provided some notes instead of his typical report. He gave grades for five categories pertaining to the cycling classic:

Concept: A (The idea overall is pretty solid)

Planning: C (There is a lot of detail especially with the amount of events. Volunteering needs (quality, quantity) can be difficult)

Venues: A (The long road race is back! The Hopewell Park trail has been received very well. Some renowned cyclist had some very nice comments).

Financial: D (We did not make money which is unacceptable. However, day of registration making financial planning very difficult. The RTRS might want to eliminate day of registrations in the future).

Effort: A- (Folks worked their tails off to get this event prepared. Dave thinks we could have worked a little bit smarter (planning) to save on physical work actually).

Jerry Ward commented that a better job needs (in general) needs to be done about adverting MARC events. Bob mentioned about working closer with Geisinger. It was also suggested about doing more advertising outside of the area for more unique events. Electronic media seems to be the best way to go for spreading RTRS events. Doing a better job with postings at races was also suggested.

There was also an inaccuracy regarding the Daily Item article regarding the Children's Miracle Network and the cycling classic.

Expense/Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve these bills; seconded by Mike Mills; approved unanimously.

Old Business:

*MARC Accounting Update*

MARC's financials had been pretty poor for the year until the recent \$20,000 allocation from the County Commissioners. MARC is now in pretty good shape for the year.

*North Branch Canal Trail adjacent landowner dispute*

Bob met with the Bear Hunter's campground owner. The owner gave Bob a detailed history of each campground tenant as well as the whole campground. The owner also gave MARC approval to move forward with vegetation clearing as long as her current in place structures are avoided

*River Towns Cycling Classic 2014 review and 2015 planning*

Bob stated that we did not do well on this event financially. At this time, the final calculations have not been completed but will be finished soon. MARC will need to pick and choose which events it will do again next year.

New Business:

*PRIMA insurance renewal*

This insurance needs to be renewal on an annual basis. The total amount is for FY 2015 is \$4,620. Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve this bill; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

*Consideration of alternate October meeting date (Stoudt out of town on 10/13)*

October's meeting will be cancelled unless a pressing item comes up. Any business will be conducted via email vote.

Other Items:

None

Adjournment:

Jerry Ward made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm; seconded by Frank Dombroski; carried unanimously.