

## January 2014 MARC Minutes

### Attendees:

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

### Public:

Wes Fahringer  
Kathy Schumacher  
Ralph Schumacher  
Dave Walker

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

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

Mike reported that Scott Richardson (Danville Borough), Karen Johns (Montour County), and Bill Freeman (DASD) have all opted to get off of the MARC Board. Only five members are needed to hold a quorum.

No other changes were made to the Board. Bob mentioned that there should be a second Danville Borough resident on the Board.

Bob reported the MARC finished roughly \$16,000 above the margin because of a \$15,000 donation from Montour County.

Mike reviewed the treasurer's report which covers November and December. Motion made by Bill Hause 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 Mike Maize to accept the minutes; seconded by Mike Smith; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Frank reported that lights had been installed at the Washingtonville baseball field. Frank also reported that vandalism has still been taking place because of 4 wheelers and snow mobiles.

Dave Decoteau and Joe Ward both commented about getting great use out of the Washingtonville baseball fields.

Danville – Bill Hause declined to make a report.

Riverside – Mike Maize commented declined to make a report.

Montour County – Jerry Ward was not present at the meeting.

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

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Event's Manager Report – Dave Decoteau:

Bob commented that Brewza/Pumpkin Palooza lost roughly \$600 which was less than what was anticipated. After having conversation with various community members, there seems to be strong enthusiasm to keep this event alive. Bob brought it to the Board that perhaps MARC should be involved with these events on a very limited basis (130 hours in 2013 versus 10 hours in 2014 for Bob).

After Dave had a meeting earlier in the morning, he provided three rough draft budgets to the Board for Brewza Palooza. According to Dave's three scenarios, a sellout would net roughly \$4,000, 250 attendees would net roughly \$2,000, and 150 attendees would actually finish in the red. Bob commented that 125 tickets were sold in 2012 and only 58 in 2013 as done before (and money was lost). Mike Maize proposed having Bob paid Brewza Palooza committee and allowing the committee to use MARC's accounting and insurance.

Bob commented that discussions would be held between him and Dave regarding this plan and that the Board should think this over before the next month's meeting.

Dave commented that things are status quo with the rest of the RTRS events.

Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

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

Old Business:

*North Branch Canal Trail agreement w/ Joint Rail Authority & counties*

Bob mentioned that the land division agreement with the Joint Rail Authority has taken place. There have already been two trail work days and 0.8 miles of trail have been completed. Bob mentioned that the public can still not be on the trail at this point.

### *Discussion with Columbia County*

Bob discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between Columbia County and MARC regarding their Hotel Tax money. MARC work with Columbia County to help them with tourism development projects which is a required by the State. MARC would then submit project proposals to the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau.

### New Business:

#### *Approval of Danville Borough Farm MOU (subject to Council approval)*

Bob commented that this was originally discussed when the Humdinger started to take place at its present location two years ago. However, a long term plan needed to be drafted. Per the terms of this agreement, MARC would be able to promote trails throughout a large tact of the land. Additionally, be able to be used for the Humdinger and the September mountain bike race. This agreement would be for three years.

Motion made by Mike Maize to accept the Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Jerry Ward; motion carried unanimously. The agreement would still need to be approved by the Borough.

#### *Approval of new volunteer wavier*

Bob commented that this waiver would need to be approved for volunteers to work on the NBCT. This document was drafted based off of MARC's insurance provider's template.

Motion made by Mike Maize to accept the new volunteer wavier; seconded by Mike Mills; motion carried unanimously.

#### *Approval of updated 2014 Hess Field use fees*

Bob comment that the schedule form created for to use fields has not been filled out by users correctly. He provided an altered form to Board for approval that should minimize these issues. Bob commented that the fees had not been changed.

Motion made by Bill Hause to accept the schedule form; seconded by Jerry Ward; motion carried unanimously.

#### *Advertising of 2014 mowing contract*

Bob commented that Bob will provide this contract for next month's meeting. Some additional work will be a part of this mowing contract.

#### *Consideration of new July endurance race at Hess*

Dave Walker gave a presentation to the Board regarding this potential race. This would tentatively take place on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Dave said that there is a void for races like this in this region and that costs would be pretty low. Dave also commented that this helps to reach another market that MARC has not done as well with in other years.

This event would only need the Hess Recreation Area. Due to this, there would not need to be PennDOT insurance.

Bob and Dave were both supportive of this race. This event would also fill a large gap in the RTRS 2014 schedule.

Motion made by Mike Smith to approve this race for 2014; seconded by Jerry Ward; motion carried unanimously.

*Consideration of 2014 DCNR grant application for North Branch Canal Trail*

Wes Fahringer talked to the Board about potential DCNR grant opportunities. Bob mentioned that the \$70,000 land value can be used as a match for grant funding. This would be great to meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements at the trailhead. Bob mentioned that the land transfer process would need to take place during the grant process. Bob commented that a waiver of retroactivity would likely needed to be approved.

Wes mentioned that this project would be a “premier project for consideration” by DCNR. Only \$70,000 would be available to be spent if approved because the match has technically already been spent. This application would need to take place on this round of applications because of the recent land transfer.

Bob talked to Brian Auman about creating a site plan for the trailhead.

Adjournment:

Jerry Ward made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm; seconded by Frank Dombroski; carried unanimously.