

April 2014 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

Frank Dombroski

Tyler Dombroski

Bill Hause

Mike Mills

Mike Maize

Bob Stoudt

Joe Ward

Public:

Dave Decoteau

Greg Kovalick

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 Bill Hause to accept the report; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

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

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Frank Dombroski commented that the little league team has started its practice and has its fence up.

Danville – Bill Hause commented about the approval of Danville as a "River Town."

Riverside – Mike Maize mentioned that signage was put up at the new airport trail.

Montour County – Jerry Ward was not present to make a report.

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

Public Comment:

Greg Kovalick mentioned that a post had been run over along the old “Reading Line” trail near Hess Field. Bob also commented that question were brought up about the validity of the easement near the Raup property near Hess Field. Bob commented that a sign was put up that MARC’s maintained area ends and that the rest of the trail needs to be used at the person’s “own risk.” However, the sign had already been ripped down. More dramatic measures are planned to be taken.

Event’s Manager Report – Dave Decoteau:

Dave commented that growth has continued with the RTRS Facebook page.

Dave mentioned that registrations for the Marathon is slightly higher this year than last year. Dave thinks MARC should see around 600-650 registrations.

Progress is being made on the River Towns Cycling Classic, however Dave mentioned that he has had less help than he anticipated. He also commented that Hopewell Park needs work and that sanctioning continues to be a challenge. Sponsors, bike manufacturers, etc. are all being obtained.

Dave attended an IMBA Trail Building Class recently. Dave commented that he thought the training was productive.

Expense/Director’s Report – Bob Stoudt:

Bob had to purchase chainsaw safety equipment.

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

Old Business:

DCNR grant for North Branch Canal Trail

Bob commented that the potential trailhead was not feasible after discussions with PennDOT. Other project ideas were discussed and they also were not able to be done. Bob mentioned that there is potential for an application to take place in 2015 due to the current land ownership issues.

North Branch Canal Trail land subdivision

The Mahoning Township Planning Commission reviewed NBCT and their Supervisors will likely approve the project. Montour County would then own the Township's section of the Trail.

New Business:

North Branch Canal Trail adjacent landowner legal dispute

There is a dispute regarding the Fike's campground that is within the area that has been subdivided to the NBCT by SEDA-COG's Joint Rail Authority. As soon as Mahoning Township finishes their review of the NBCT, this issue will need to be revisited.

Bob has also been in regular contact the owner of the 'Bear Hunter's Campground' who disputes that the border line of her property and the NBCT. Bob has been in contact with Solicitor Marks about this issue. At this point however, Bob has only dealt with her. The owner has threatened hiring an attorney to dispute the matter. Currently, MARC will not do any land clearing in this area.

Danville Susquehanna Greenway River Town designation application

The Borough of Danville approved the idea of becoming a River Town. MARC would help the Borough meet the annual requirements to be a River Town which includes an extra meeting a year and two to three extra hours of administration time.

Motion made by Frank Dombroski to approve MARC's role with the Borough's designation; seconded by Bill Hause; approved unanimously.

Volunteers needed for May 3rd River Towns Marathon/Half Marathon

One or more volunteers are needed to watch the money bag at this event. This would involve handing out \$5 coupons. Frank and Tyler volunteered to help out.

Other Items:

Bob stated that the Children's Marathon is going better than expected.

Bob also mentioned the Geisinger's sponsorship donation to RTRS has declined again this year.

Ralph mentioned about his Rugby Tournament on May 24th.

Adjournment:

Frank Dombroski made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm; seconded by Mike Maize; carried unanimously.