

November 2014 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

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

Public:

Ed A'zary
Dave Decoteau
Jenn Kline
Ralph Schumacher

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Mike Mills.

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

Mike provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

Motion made by Jerry Ward to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Bill Hause; approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Tyler provided an overview of the previous month's minutes.

Motion made by Jerry Ward to accept the minutes; seconded by Bill Hause; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Frank and Tyler Bill declined to make a report.

Danville – Bill commented that with the Iron Heritage Festival likely ending, he suggested that the quoits and tennis tournaments might be good potential MARC events in the future. Bob asked Bill to do some research regarding getting in contact with the organizers of the events.

Riverside – No report; no elected representatives present.

Montour County – Jerry Ward declined to make a report.

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

Public Comment:

Ed A'zary, Danville Borough Council 4th Ward representative, introduced himself to the Board.

Ralph reminded everyone that next year's rugby event will be in honor of his father. Ralph also highlighted his campaign for 109th District State Representative.

Event Manager's Report – Dave Decoteau:

Dave declined give a report.

Expense/Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

Director's Report provided as part of the agenda packet.

Of the \$15,237 remaining in MARC's budget for the year, only \$1,132 is not earmarked.

The RTRS will lose roughly \$5,567.24 mainly due to the River Towns Cycling Classic. The Chili Challenge also lost money this year which is now in its twelfth year.

Bob commented that the fire pit at the skate park has been reconstructed as a part of a Boy Scout project. Unfortunately, the fire pit was initially built in the wrong place. There was then discussion about maintaining the fireplace as well as tearing out the bushes to ease maintenance.

Both the Mahoning and Cooper Township subdivisions have been approved. The deed just needs to be turned over to Montour County. More work needs to be done in Montour Township.

PPL has stated that they would like to have MARC continue to maintain the East Branch Recreation Area for another three years. PPL would like this work to continue to be done at the same price. Bob estimates that costs will be roughly \$13,141.75/year in the future if additional areas are to be mowed. MARC has charged \$10,000/year in the past. Bob will meet with PPL representatives as soon as possible to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of both PPL and MARC.

Bob has worked with Danville Borough staff to put fluorescent vests out for users of the Hopewell Park/Danville Borough Farm trails. No vests have been taken. Bob suggested closing the trails during rifle season for deer. Bob suggested putting a porta-potty at the park next year. Jerry suggested instead forming an agreement with either Sheetz or Hunters.

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

Old Business:

Montour Preserve

Bob stated that there is nothing concrete to report on. Bob did comment that he and Trevor Finn did meet with representatives from PPL regarding the future of the facilities and educational programs. Overall, Bob thought that the meeting seemed to be positive in nature.

Bob stated that he had contacted the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation regarding the creation of a fund for donations for MARC's future efforts regarding the Montour Preserve. Such a fund can be initiated immediately upon written confirmation by MARC.

Bob also held a meeting with volunteers for the maple sugaring educational programs.

2015 River Towns Race Series schedule

Bob provided race registration figures of RTRS events from past years. Bob also provided projections for next year with some adjustments and potential for profits in 2015.

The River Towns Cycling Classic has not been suggested as an event for 2015 due to its financial losses.

Bob suggested having a leaner year race wise to have a better chance of profits for next year.

Bob stated there will be no more day of registrations in the future.

NBCT adjacent landowner dispute

Bob gave an update regarding Mr. Fike (the individual who logged the NBCT trailhead area). An agreement regarding subdividing the land he thought he owned was to be completed to allow him to park his camper, however he ran into legal trouble. Mr. Fike has complained he can't get a 911 address there. A number of options have been brought up about completing the subdivision. The subdivision could just go forward as is or it could be extended to an acre. The board decided to go forward as-is with the subdivision and suggesting it would assist Mr. Fike with the subdivision paperwork. If he declines the current offer, an additional offer will not be given. Bob was to contact Solicitor Mark regarding this matter. Jerry Ward suggested that he would travel to Mr. Fike's with Bob to attempt to resolve this matter.

Part-time hire

Bob has all but drafted a job description for a part-time hire. This would likely take place earlier next year. Some of Bob's duties need to be done at a cheaper wage in the future. Hours will likely vary and the wages will likely be around \$15-\$17/hour. It was also suggested subcontracting some of this additional work in addition to the Event Manager's contract to avoid hiring the additional worker.

New Business:

2015 Event Manager Contract

Action was not taken regarding the event manager's contract.

Transfer of funds from CSCF fund to MARC checking

Bob suggested withdrawing \$3,500 of funds from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation fund to help cover NBCT costs through the end of the year.

Motion made by Bill Hause to transfer \$3,500 of funds from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation fund to help cover NBCT costs through the end of the year; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Addition of a December Board meeting

An additional meeting would be held to consider 2015 event management and updates could also be given for the Montour Preserve. A meeting will be held.

Adjournment:

Jerry Ward made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; carried unanimously.