

October 10, 2016 MARC Meeting Minutes

MARC Attendees:

Mike Mills
Dr. Victor Marks
Heather Good
Joe Ward
Chris Johns
Frank Dombroski

Bob Stoudt

Public:

Nate Cole
Sam Chillis
Wayne Kashner
Dave Decoteau

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Mike Mills.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

President Mills welcomed the public to the meeting. President Mills noted the lack of a quorum to conduct business (2nd month in a row, 3 times in 9 meetings) and discussed the possibility of rescheduling the 2017 meetings to a different day and/or time to possibly increase attendance. No action taken but subject will be added to the November meeting agenda.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Commissioner Holdren, President Mills and Bob Stoudt noted some of the treasurer's report highlights, including the Montour Preserve accounting. With no quorum, no action taken.

Secretary's Report

In Secretary Tyler Dombroski's absence, Mike Mills noted the September meeting minutes. No concerns or objections were noted. With no quorum, no action taken.

PARTNER REPORTS

Washingtonville Borough

Frank Dombroski noted the 2nd round of 'Welcome to Washingtonville' banner sales. Proceeds will go toward additional community beautification projects.

Danville Borough

No Danville Borough representatives in attendance. Stoudt noted that MARC had formally requested the Borough's assistance with chip and tar surfacing of the Hess Recreation Area access road, but was still trying to get a rough cost estimate to provide to the Borough.

Riverside Borough

Dr. Victor Marks had no update.

Montour County

Commissioner Holdren absent. No report.

Danville Area School District

Chris Johns reported that the district will be moving forward with upgrades to school facilities, perhaps as soon as next fall. If the high school track is upgraded as proposed, it will likely be open to the public.

Public Comment

Dave Decoteau discussed the concept of creating a high school mountain biking team in the MARC service area. Decoteau and Stoudt took part in a conference call on 10/9 with the leader of PA's Interscholastic Cycling League. Stoudt and Decoteau hope to reach out to DASD officials and other interested local individuals and organizations to gauge community interest.

Assistant Director's Report

President Mills noted the Assistant Director's report in the agenda packet.

Maintenance Technician's Report

President Mills noted the Maintenance Technician's report in the agenda packet.

Director's Report

Stoudt's expense report was reviewed. With no quorum, no action taken.

Stoudt provided a brief overview of the Director's report included in the agenda packet, noting that the Montour Preserve accounting, draft 2017 MARC budget and proposed 2017 River Towns Race Series schedule would be discussed later in the meeting, but with no quorum present, no action could be taken.

Old Business

Stoudt provided an update on the status of the dispute with the landowner adjacent to the North Branch Canal Trail. The trail was opened on September 29th from mile marker 0.0 through 3.5, but will remain closed beyond that point until the dispute can be resolved. MARC will defer to the actions of the Montour County Commissioners.

Stoudt discussed the proposed 2017 River Towns Race Series schedule. Stoudt discussed the challenges faced during the 2016 season, including too few volunteers, too little available MARC staff time (overtime), lower than anticipated race attendance and poor financial performance of several races. As a result, Stoudt recommends reducing the number of races in the 2017 schedule to six or possibly seven races. Stoudt will consult with Dave Decoteau, Dave Walker and Chilli Challenge race volunteers to develop a final proposed schedule before the November board meeting.

New Business

Stoudt presented the proposed FY2017 budget. The proposal included in the agenda packet is a \$205,000 balanced budget, but depends upon continued funding assistance from Montour County that has not yet been requested nor approved. With no quorum, no action taken.

Other Items

None

Adjournment

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Stoudt
(acting secretary)
10/10/16