

April 10, 2017 MARC Meeting Minutes

MARC Attendees:

Bob Stoudt
Mike Mills
Chris Johns
Bill Lavage
Heather Good
Vic Marks
Joe Ward
Denny Piatt

Public:

Wayne Kashner
Kevin Wertman
Lorraine Wertman
Lloyd Bunch

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

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

None. President Mills noted the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

Bill noted that we are still waiting for the \$90,000 DCNR grant. He also reviewed the actual 2017 MARC budget as it relates to the Montour Preserve. Not enough board members to act.

Secretary's Report

Mike noted the March meeting minutes. No comments/corrections. Not enough board members to act.

PARTNER REPORTS

Washingtonville Borough

Washington Borough cleanup is April 29 from 1:00-5:00pm with a BBQ to follow.

Danville Borough

Bob is meeting on 4/11 with Chief Gill for the purposes of planning for the Half-Marathon on 5/6. Bob also noted there is an upcoming club softball tournament. He does not expect they will need much assistance.

Riverside Borough

Signs for the Riverside Borough boat launch have been ordered and should be installed in the coming months.

Montour County

The commissioners have given their approval for moving forward with the mountain bike skills park at Hopewell Park. The county conservation district waived the fees for permits.

Danville Area School District

DASD in conjunction with MARC and Coaches Dave Decoteau and Matt McElroy held the first meeting of the “Central Susquehanna Hammers” mountain bike team on 4/6 at the high school cafeteria. The next meeting of the team is scheduled for 5/10 at 6:30pm (location will be Ski Valley Bike Shop in Danville).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jon Beam has continued providing maple sugaring programs and cleaned up supplies after programming concluded. Jon continues to offer additional programs.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN’S REPORT

Denny Piatt has assisted with programming and maintenance at the Preserve, including snow removal.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- *See Other Items*

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business Items

OLD BUSINESS

Audit

Bob noted there was a positive audit. One of the comments from the auditors was the use of private credit cards for use of MARC business. There will be an update at the May meeting.

Part-time maintenance job posting

There were eleven total applicants for the position which was then narrowed down to four of which Bob and Denny interviewed. After going through the interview process, they identified a candidate and are making a recommendation to hire Connor Durkin at a rate of \$14.00/hour, to begin April 24 and ends on October 15 (subject to continue employment if MARC so desires). The board members in attendance agreed that Bob may proceed with offering him the position and he will then be formally hired at the May meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Hess Recreation Field

Bob and Denny fixed the softball dugout and noted they have identified needs in the parking lot that need to be repaired.

Hopewell Park Bike/Jump Skills Area Proposal

Permits are in place to move forward with the development of the mountain bike skills park at Hopewell Park.

North Branch Canal Trail

Bob reported there have been two sections within close proximity that have given way and slid into the river. He discussed a plan once the river recedes to fix the trail.

Humdinger Wrap-up

Bob reviewed the summary of the race and the profit was approximately \$4,000. There was a discussion of plans for future races.

MARC Employee Handbook

A draft will be available for review at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events

- North Branch Canal Trail work day will be held on 4/22
- Rivertowns ½-marathon is scheduled for 5/6. There are several groups committed to help with the race.
- The May MARC meeting is scheduled for 5/8

ADJOURNMENT

President Mike Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher D. Johns
MARC Board Secretary
4/10/17