September minutes

[board] Jen Braun <jennybraun@yahoo.com> <board@rachelcarsontrails.org>

Today, 10:16 AMRCTC Board (board@rachelcarsontrails.org)

RCTC Board MINUTES – September 12, 2018 - Meeting 7 pm, 200 Central Drive.

Attending:  Bob M., Charlie, John, Joe, Bob V., Patty, Doug M., Bob R., Paul, Jen, Steve

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

The minutes from last month were approved.

Bob reviewed the next 90 days on the calendar.

The Winter Hike will be February 3, 2019.

The Fall Hike will be October 21, 2018.

The Opt Outside kid and adult hike will be 11-23-18 – location TBD.

FINANCE:  See Charlie’s email for financial report.  More expenditures are for the Marian Crossman Bridge.

Invoice –

John -  $1230 for 41 hours – see his email

This was approved.

The financial report was approved.

MANY TRAILS - John said that he and Bob met with the trail groups to discuss the Kiski Bridge.  It was asked if anyone would like to own it.  We will help with negotiations and possibly chip in as well.

John has talked to Jean Pryor about an easement.  The family will be asked if we can have the first shot at buying the property.  We would ask for a 1-year option to try to raise money for it.  John said that the Indiana Township newsletter will have information about this and the November recon hike.

The county has given 2 grants.  One for $70K for the Commodore Perry Trail, and Springdale got a grant for riverfront trail work and improvement.

Bob went to a meeting with McCandless Township.  They’ve hired Paschek to help develop trails.  They have three projects they are working on, which will connect trails.

John said that oral arguments for Gravelick are scheduled for 10-17-18.

PROMO COMMITTEE:  Doug said that the Opt Outside Kids Trails Run is 11-23-18.

The video montage of the RC Challenge is done.  Amy asked to have it put onto the website.

See it here:

[https://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/events/challenge](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rachelcarsontrails.org%2Fevents%2Fchallenge&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cfb23f08c33f843a2be1f08d627a86a82%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636740001667468562&sdata=aqFweclLTEfaulfHLtwKzbhxCvDTs0HwZRezbzSZ2A0%3D&reserved=0)

Jennifer P. Davis’ hike had 49 hikers and her talk was standing room only.

Doug is going to ask PPG to sponsor us.

HARMONY TRAIL:  Bob said that surveyors are figuring out where the footers will go.  Progress depends upon lack of rain.  The new date is 9-21-18.  Start at 7AM.

HARMONY HEROES 5K:  This is 10-6-18.  Flyers were handed out to the Board.  We could use volunteers 10-5 and 10-6.

BAKER TRAIL:  Steve said that for the Ultrachallenge, 57 runners and 8 teams started.  There were no issues.  Steve will send a link to an article about the race.

Patty said that 9-19-18 is an Open House for Crooked Creek.

On 10-13-18, Team Rubicon will be working on the Mahoning area.

The north side abutments for the Crooked Creek Bridge are to be done around 10-27-and 10-28.

SAFER TRAILS:  Steve said the meeting is 10-23 but Donna has a conflict; it will be rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:  Bob said the chainsaw and weed whacker were purchased.

Steve said that the property where the trail enters North Park (RR tracks) is not the trail.  John requested about 5 hours to research this.  This was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:  Bob asked if we are interested in participating in a state convention regarding the North Country Trail in 2020/  It is August 6-8, 2020.  Patty will be attending.

Bob V. didn’t see bees on his trail section.

Bob said that ranger Sam Shepard advised us that North Ridge Drive will be closed for filming September 27 and 28.  This will be posted on the web site.

NEXT MEETING:  7 p.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2018; 200 Central Drive, Cranberry.

ADJOURNMENT:  8:10 PM.