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**Meeting Minutes March 12, 2020
Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont, PA**

Meeting Attendees:

- a. Board: (12) Gordon Conn, Rob Cronauer, Rick Fisher, Alyssa Harden, Ted Hayes, Brandon Lacina, Jack Maher, Monica Meehan, Pat Norton, Bill O' Hara, Chris Panichella, Anna Marie Stackiewicz
- b. Guests: Joseph Hlista, Alice Grasso, Barry Van G., Tim Leriotes, Dee O'Hara, Karen Rose Cercone, Chris Leo, Ginny Hayes, Jeff Richards, Malcolm Sias, and others
1. Vice-President Rob Cronauer led the recitation of "The Pledge of Allegiance" and then called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Presidents' Comments – None.
3. Public Input/Introductions
 - a. A gentleman voiced his concerns on the narrowing of sections on the Slickville to Saltsburg trail area. Cronauer explained that it is one of the top priorities for the trail to spray and drag along these sections to re-establish the trail corridor. O'Hara expressed the need for maintenance volunteers along this section of trail, and if anyone would like to help, please reach out to him or Tom Dittman. Malcolm Sias further explained that a large tractor is needed to use the dragging equipment necessary, and that all trails go through cycles of narrowing and widening.
 - b. The bathrooms at Robert's Parcel have been dirty lately, however it was determined that those bathrooms are technically Murrysville Parks' responsibility to clean and maintain.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Both the January and February minutes were reviewed and approved, as there was no quorum present at the February meeting.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the January minutes by Norton, 2nd by O'Hara, motion carried, minutes approved.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Meehan, 2nd by Stackiewicz, motion carried, minutes approved.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jack Maher
 - a. The January treasurer report was reviewed last month, however there was no quorum present at the February meeting to approve them.

- b. For the month of February, WHT had \$86,000 in total assets. This includes the new Toro Workman vehicles. There is \$15,000 in the Capital Reserve account and \$25,000 in the Money Market account. Comedy Night had a gross profit of \$14,000, and after expenses, a net profit of \$12,000. Of the \$12,000, Five Star Trail still needs paid their portion of the profit from their sponsorships.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the January and February treasurer's reports by Hayes, 2nd by Meehan. Motion carried, treasurer's reports approved.
- 6. RTC Report – Rob Cronauer
 - a. WHT is up for review of their agreement (which is similar to by-laws) with RTC. Maher and Cronauer have volunteered to review the agreement.
- 7. TAT Report – No report.
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. Real Estate and Acquisitions – No report.
 - b. Engineering and Construction – Jeff Richards
 - i. A steering committee of approx. 18 people has been created for the WHT Middle Gap Feasibility Study. Their first meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020. Mackin Engineering is executing things on their end, and a report with top priority areas is expected to be delivered by Feb. 2021. This timeline aligns with the usual application period of DCNR grants in mid-April.
 - c. Fund Raising – Rob Cronauer
 - i. Another successful year of WHT's Comedy Night fundraiser has come and gone! This was the 7th event with some of the best comedians the trail has had to date. The trail received a thank you note from Colton Hall along with a check returning the security deposit. The allotted percentage of the funds will be put into the Capital Reserve account as previously decided upon by the board.
 - ii. Sias officially announced that the public part of March for Parks on March 21 is canceled due to the limit on large gatherings from coronavirus concerns and the encouragement of social distancing. Everyone is still encouraged to participate on their own and continue to donate online. \$73,000 has already been raised for this year's event. T-shirts have already been printed and information on how to acquire them will be passed on soon. Sponsors will also still be recognized accordingly, and the banner will be posted on the WHT website along with other social media sources. Bikes can still be donated to Friends Thrift Shop in Export.
 - iii. Cronauer reported that the post plaque sponsorships are selling quickly without any advertisements! The hope is to start advertising these sponsorship opportunities this summer as well as reaching out to those who need to renew their sponsorship. Ideally sometime soon an intern can be recruited to walk the trail and catalogue all the existing post plaques.
 - d. Public Relations – Rob Cronauer
 - i. The committee is currently at work on the second WHT newsletter. If anyone has any pictures, articles, etc to share, please pass them on to whtpr2017@gmail.com.
 - e. Membership – Gordon Conn

d. Donations

- i. Research will be done on possible donation collection options along the trail such as special parking meters altered to take donations, signs to pay it forward, etc.

11. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2020 at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont at 7 pm. It was decided upon that all monthly meetings will take place at the Lamplighter Restaurant for the foreseeable future unless noted otherwise.

On a motion by Norton, 2nd O'Hara, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Harden, Secretary