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**Meeting Minutes June 13, 2019
Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont, PA**

Meeting Attendees:

- a. Board: (13) Gordon Conn, Rick Fisher, Ted Hayes, Kerry Jobe, Jack Maher, Dorothea Motto, Mary Grace Muster, Bill O'Hara, Jeff Richards, Stan Rudge, Vicki Rudge, Anna Marie Stackiewicz, Malcolm Sias
 - b. Guests: Alyssa Harden (Acting Secretary), Dee O'Hara, Kevin Bohner, Chris Leo, Pat Norton, Dave and Gwen Thronhill, Ginny Hayer, Dale Sicbrisl (?), Dennis and Bernire Yeager, Donald Trer (?), George Chilcoat, Rudy Kobosky, Bob Stackiewicz, Betsy and Don Burns, Todd and Kelly Brautigam, Wendy Davis, Chad Emahizer, Chris Panichella, and others
1. President Stan Rudge led the recitation of "The Pledge of Allegiance" and then called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
 2. Introductions
 - a. Kelly Brautigam (?) runs the WHT Riders Facebook group, which has about 50 members currently. She was looking for resources on getting her group involved with the trail maintenance and passing that information along to others. Tom Dittman introduced himself and they exchanged contact information.
 - b. Post cards with photographs of the trail are available. Those interested can contact Mike Bertonaschi.
 3. Presidents' Comments
 - a. June was an active month for the trail. The rainy weather downed a number of trees along the trail sections and a big thanks goes out to all the volunteers that put in the extra effort this month to keep the trail in working order!
 - b. June 1, 2019 was the first Trail Towns event, which was a really nice time.
 - c. The first draft of the board job description is completed and needs reviewed by WHT directors.
 4. Trail Towns Festival Report & Grand Prize Drawings
 - a. A huge thanks to the PR Committee from Vicki Rudge for all their help with Trail Towns! The trail gained 55 new members the day of the event, and the event raised over

\$6,000! There was lots of publicity in the papers and thank you's to sponsors and donors are being sent out. Another huge thank you to all the volunteers the day of Trail Towns.

- b. Winners of the grand prize drawings are Tina Devlin, Vicky Wynn, David Deer, LeAnn Gerkin, Amy Keim, and Steve Appleby,
 - c. A motion was made by Vicki Rudge to donate \$250 to the Slickville Fire Department and \$250 to Trafford Borough from the event's earnings, 2nd by Maher, motion carries. Money will be donated from Trail Towns funds.
 - d. There will be a PR committee recap meeting to go over the event. Everyone is invited to attend, date is TBD.
 - e. A WHT thanks to everyone who helped make the Trail Towns event a success!
5. Public Input
- a. Anna Marie Stackiewicz thanked the board for her appointment.
6. Approval of Minutes
- a. A motion was made to approve the May minutes by O'Hara, 2nd by Peduzzi, Motion carried, minutes approved.
7. Treasurer's Report
- a. A Money Market account was opened and \$20,000 were transferred to the new account.
 - b. Everything in regards to income is up (up \$8,400), and expenses are down!
 - c. A motion to approve the treasurer's report by Hayes, 2nd by Richards, Motion carried. Report approved.
8. RTC Report – no report
9. TAT Report – Stan Rudge
- a. A motion was made to pay \$75 to TAT for ongoing website maintenance by Maher, 2nd by Dittman, motion carried. Money will be paid to TAT.
10. Committee Reports
- a. Real Estate and Acquisitions – Malcolm Sias
 - i. No report.
 - b. Engineering and Construction – Jeff Richards
 - i. Construction on Phase IV is moving along smoothly with plans to have the next section completed by the middle of August.
 - ii. Please don't use the new trail section until it is officially opened!
 - c. Fund Raising – Rey Peduzzi
 - i. More volunteers are needed for parking at the Westmoreland County Arts Festival, please sign up!
 - ii. Rob Cronauer will be taking over the administrative side of the mile post plaques with help from WCD's new technical secretary. A renewal process for 3-year sponsorships is being created as well.
 - iii. Volunteers are also needed to help with parking at the Export Arts and Ethnic Food Festival.
 - d. Public Relations – Vicki Rudge
 - i. Our Facebook page gained 133 new followers after the Trail Towns event.
 - ii. WHT merchandise is still being sold along with extra drawstring bags from the Trail Towns event.

- iii. The WHT website is still doing well and functioning properly.
 - e. Membership – Gordon Conn
 - i. At 157 members before the new members are added from Trail Towns.
 - f. Trail Ambassadors – Stan Rudge
 - i. There were 16 volunteer hours recorded for the month of June so far. Rudge requested that each zone leader should be reporting their zone's hours.
 - g. Trail Maintenance – Tom Dittman
 - i. Lots of trees have fallen down and weeds have grown up! A big thanks goes out to Penn Township and Monroeville for their maintenance efforts.
11. Old Business- no report
12. New Business
- a. Thank you to Alyssa Harden for filling in for John Sopko as acting secretary for June's meeting.
 - b. Anna Marie belongs to the Delmont Visionary Committee, which is a group which wants to improve Delmont including making it more bike-friendly. They would like to eventually see a spur of the WHT into Delmont. They are also working on reigniting the historical preservation of the area. They are in need of non-profit status.
 - i. A motion was made to have WHT adopt the Delmont Visionary Committee under its 501(c)(3) status and keep their money as a separate line item in our accounts. Motion made by Anna Marie, 2nd by Maher, motion carried. Delmont Visionary Committee adopted under WHT's non-profit status.
 - ii. A committee report from the DVC should be added to WHT's agenda.
 - c. The Grand Opening for Phase IV of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail from Murrysville to Export is looking to be scheduled for August 17, 2019 to coordinate with the Export Arts and Ethnic Food Festival. Murrysville will be participating as well.
 - d. The Turtle Creek Watershed Association is having their 2nd Annual Rubber Duck Race Fundraiser at Irwin Park on June 22 from 11-1.
13. The next meeting will be on July 11th at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont starting at 7:00 p.m.
- a. Save the date: August 8th at the Slickville Volunteer Fire Department Pavilion for the 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Night.
 - b. A motion to set aside \$400 for the volunteer dinner was made by Maher, 2nd by Muster, motion carried. Food will be provided for the volunteer celebration.

On a motion by O'Hara, 2nd Muster, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Harden, Acting Secretary