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Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022
Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont

Meeting Attendees:

- a. Board: (16) Rob Cronauer, Alyssa Davis, Wendy Davis, Tom Dittman, Chad Emahizer, Elizabeth Ferri, Rick Fisher, Brandon Lacina, Jack Maher, Monica Meehan, Pat Norton, Bill O’Hara, Chris Panichella, Malcolm Sias, AnnaMarie Stackiewicz, and Ann Wade
 - b. Absent Board: (5) Gordon Conn, Kerry Jobe, Mary Grace Muster, Stan Rudge, and Vicki Rudge
 - c. Guests: Eileen Elicker, Jeff Richards, Joseph Hlista, Alice Grasso, Rich & Bette Rodibaugh, D. Hollabauch, Tim Leriots, Dee O’Hara, Justina Latimer, Ken Simons
1. Vice President Rob Cronauer led the recitation of “The Pledge of Allegiance” and then called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
 2. Presidents’ Comment –
 - a. Cronauer explained that he was running the meeting tonight in the absence of President Rudge.
 3. Public Input/Introductions – No report.
 4. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. A motion was made to approve the December minutes by Maher, 2nd by Sias, motion carried, minutes approved.
 5. Treasurer’s Report –Chris Panichella
 - a. Quoted from Jack Maher’s 2021 Treasurer Report Summary – “ Although our revenue was down by over \$20,000, we were able to reduce expenses by 10% over 2020, which resulted in a decrease in net revenue for the first time that I can remember but 2021 was still the second best year of net income in our history. [...] we increased our total equity by over \$30,000. That number now stands at \$154,766 with over \$80,000 in reserve funds mostly the Building Fund and \$16,400 in net capital equipment and as usual our liabilities are \$0. Also at the end of this year we took some money from our Money Market and opened an investment account with Wealth Enhancement Advisors.”
 - b. A motion was made to approve the December treasurer’s report by O’Hara, 2nd by Norton, motion carried, report approved.
 - c. A HUGE WHT THANK YOU goes out to Jack Maher to his many, many years of service as the WHT Treasurer!!!
 6. Committee Reports –
 - a. Public Relations – Vicki Rudge (via email)
 - i. WHT now has 2,770 Facebook followers and 137 Twitter followers.
 - b. Fundraising –Rob Cronauer
 - i. Both of the comedians for Comedy Night are booked. WHT needs to sell 100 tickets to break even, and a sellout is 300 tickets sold. If anyone is willing to sell tickets, donate raffle baskets, distribute flyers, and/or volunteer the night of the event, please reach out to Cronauer ASAP.
 - c. Membership –Gordon Conn (via email)
 - i. WHT ended with 353 members for 2021, which is a new record!
 - d. Engineering and Construction – Jeff Richards
 - i. A grant from the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources has been awarded to acquire land east of Rte. 66.
 - ii. A letter of intent has been signed by the Co. Commissioners and a private landowner to donate a portion of land needed for the trail expansion.
 - iii. Mackin has completed plans for a new driveway at Wilson Rd/Old Rte. 22.
 - iv. Gravel has been delivered near Joey’s The Edge/Export Floral near the new Export parking lot.
 - e. Trail Maintenance – Dittman

- i. Gravel has been spread at the Meier's Hardware trailhead parking lot.
 - ii. A field meeting took place to flag the location for the future storage container near the Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority.
 - f. Trail Ambassadors – Stan Rudge
 - i. 99.5 hours were reported for the month of December! Thank you to everyone who has been out riding the trail and contributing hours!
 - g. TAT – Stan Rudge
 - i. The new brochures are being printed.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Update on Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape Minigrant – Trail Safety
 - i. The grant will be closed out by 1/31/22, and all of the trail safety signs and sandwich boards have been stored for the winter.
 - b. Financial Committee Update
 - i. The initial investment of \$60,000 with Wealth Enhancement Group has been submitted.
 - c. Westmoreland Trailblazers Membership Coupon Book Proposal
 - i. The group has approached over 125 local businesses for participation in the program and work continues.
 - d. Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape Minigrant for Joyrider Bike Application
 - i. The application has been submitted.
 - e. PA Master Naturalist Volunteer Project – Educational Posts on Social Media
 - i. Carol Byers is planning on presenting at the February board meeting.
 - f. 2021 Board of Directors Nominees for Election/Re-election
 - i. WHT previously received re-appointment letters from the Westmoreland Conservation District and West. Co. Parks to re-appoint Cronauer and Panichella as their respective representatives.
 - ii. Elizabeth Ferri has been appointed as the new WHT Export Borough Representative as of the Dec. 2021 Export Borough Council Meeting.
 - a. A motion to approve the nomination of Elizabeth Ferri as Export Borough Rep. was made by Meehan, 2nd by Wade. Motion carried, appointment approved.
 - iii. Nominations for Chris Panichella for Treasurer and Chad Emahizer as an At-Large Board member were previously made at the Dec. 2021 WHT board meeting.
 - iv. A nomination for Stan Rudge for President was made by Wade, 2nd by Maher.
 - v. A nomination for Rob Cronauer for Vice President was made by Maher, 2nd by Sias.
 - vi. A nomination for Alyssa Davis for Secretary was made by Wade, 2nd by Maher.
 - vii. A motion to close the nominations was made by Sias, 2nd by Maher. Motion carried, nominations for the WHT 2022 Board Elections were closed.
 - viii. The secretary cast a unanimous vote to approve the nominated officers and At-Large board members. A motion to approve this vote was made by Sias, 2nd by Norton. Motion carried, 2022 board members and officers approved.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Quickbooks Increased Price Payment
 - i. The annual price for Quickbooks is increasing from \$430 to \$540, which Maher believes is mostly due to WHT having had a special introductory price last year.
 - 1. A motion to pay the increased price of \$540 for the annual subscription cost for Quickbooks was made by Maher, 2nd by Meehan. Motion carried, payment approved.
- 9. Trail Events
 - a. East Suburban Trailblazers (EST) have requested multiple dates for trail events:
 - i. April 23, which there is already an approved event by the Norwin ROTC that date. The EST's event would be on a different section of the trail.
 - ii. June 4 was previously requested but denied due to WHT Trail Towns Festival being the same day. This request was then moved to June 5.
 - iii. October 15 is the third requested date. All events are for the same time and trail section.
 - iv. A motion to approve all three requested EST event dates was made by Sias, 2nd by Dittman. Motion carried, trail events approved.

On a motion by Maher, 2nd by Meehan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Davis, Secretary