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Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022
Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont

Meeting Attendees:

- a. Board: (14) Robert Cronauer, Alyssa Davis, Wendy Davis, Tom Dittman, Chad Emahizer, Rick Fisher, Kerry Jobe, Monica Meehan, Mary Grace Muster, Pat Norton, Bill O’Hara, Chris Panichella, Malcolm Sias, and Ann Wade
 - b. Absent Board: (7) Gordon Conn, Elizabeth Ferri, Brandon Lacina, Jack Maher, Stan Rudge, Vicki Rudge, and AnnaMarie Stackiewicz
 - c. Guests: Jeff Richards, Tim Leriotes, Nancy Sward-Martin, David Boles, Mike Grimaldi, John Ruccio, David Nigro, Craig Pavlick, Ryan Williams
1. Vice President Rob Cronauer led the recitation of “The Pledge of Allegiance” and then called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
 2. Presidents’ Comment – No report.
 3. Public Input/Introductions – No report.
 4. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Norton, 2nd by Sias, motion carried, minutes approved.
 5. Treasurer’s Report –Chris Panichella
 - a. To date, we have \$19,190 in total revenue and \$1,400 in expenses.
 - b. 2022 Comedy Night was a big success with a gross profit of \$19, 625 and total expenditures of \$8,552.34 for a net total of \$11,072.66. This money is split with the Five Star Trail evenly except for sponsorships (whoever solicited the sponsorship receives the full amount). Therefore WHT made a profit of \$7,998, and FST receives \$3,723.
 - i. A motion to approve the payment of the Five Star Trail for their Comedy Night profit of \$3,723.83 was made by O’Hara, 2nd by Meehan, motion carried, payment approved.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the February treasurer’s report by Wade, 2nd by Muster, motion carried, report approved.
 6. Committee Reports –
 - a. Fundraising –Rob Cronauer
 - i. A huge thanks to everyone who helped with Comedy Night!! We just missed a sellout event by six tickets, but the event went great and everyone seemed to have a good time! Look out for the next event in 2023.
 - ii. The Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival will be taking place on June 30-July 3, 2022, and once again, WHT needs volunteers to help out with parking. Approx. 10 volunteers are needed for 3 hr shifts from 10AM to 7 PM. The RTC gets ½ of the money made from parking and splits that between the trail groups by the amount of donated parking hours. Last time the WHT made \$5,500, and we were the trail group with the highest donated hours. Please reach out to Malcolm Sias if you are interested in volunteering!!
 - b. Engineering and Construction – Jeff Richards
 - i. 15 bids total were received for the Export trail extension project, and the low bid of \$115,000.00 will be awarded. The Notice to Proceed is still TBD.
 - ii. The Southwest PA Commission put out an invitation to submit proposals to the Smart Transportation Funding Program. A \$117,800 proposal for the Wilson Run to Rte 66 future trail segment (approx. 1.4 miles) was submitted.
 - c. Trail Ambassadors – Stan Rudge
 - i. A new training will be announced soon. To sign up, please contact either Stan or Vicki Rudge. More information will be announced at the April meeting.

- d. Maintenance
 - i. Murrysville has finished our annual Ventrac maintenance.
 - ii. Salem Township wants WHT to give them the official go-ahead for when the trail is dry enough to push back/open up on their section.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Westmoreland Trailblazers Membership Coupon Book Proposal
 - i. The participating businesses and their discounts are now listed on the website and mailings have begun to distribute discount cards. There are 14 participating businesses as of this meeting. If there are any businesses interested that are not yet participating, please reach out to the Trailblazers.
 - b. PA Master Naturalist Volunteer Project – Educational Posts on Social Media
 - i. A Zoom meeting will be taking place soon with Byers, Alyssa Davis, Stan Rudge, and Vicki Rudge to iron out details of the project. Postings should start within the next couple of weeks.
 - c. Pittsburgh Foundation grant application for new storage container and outfittings
 - i. A grant application was submitted on Feb. 28th for a \$7,000 grant ask.
 - d. Trafford Bridge decking replacement
 - i. The work is planned to start on March 21st and take a couple of weeks to complete. It is hard work, and lunch will be provided for all the volunteers each day. If you are interested in helping, reach out to Malcolm Sias. Westmoreland Co. Parks will have a crew out there helping as well. A news release has been organized for the trail closure and public notice.
 - e. 2022 DCNR Trail of the Year Application
 - i. Unfortunately, we were not chosen for this year's nomination. Alyssa Davis has reached out for feedback on our application and will report back to the board.
 - f. Safety Initiative Signs
 - i. The A-frames and signage will be put back out sometime in April.
 - g. Trail Events
 - i. Reminder that there will be two events on Saturday, April 23 (Norwin ROTC and the East Suburban Trailblazers).
- 8. New Business
 - a. Port-a-Johns
 - i. The Port-a-John at Saunders Station was installed, and the other trailheads' should be installed by April 1.
 - b. Monroeville Core Drilling
 - i. Core drilling will be taking place at Valley Park in Monroeville and across the creek along the trail on Friday, March 11.
 - c. Springview Estates HOA
 - i. A meeting with the Springview Estates HOA will take place on site to determine how the trail will follow the easement already within the subdivision plan from 1998. If anyone is interested in attending, reach out to Jeff Richards.

On a motion by Norton, 2nd by Dittman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Davis, Secretary