

1/25/2017

NRGTA Board meeting

Summersville Town Hall 4:30 pm

Board members present:

Bill Wells

Jeff Evans

Ray Moeller

Adam Hodges

Andrew Davis

Marvin Davis

Chris Carnefix

Claire Rozdilski

Gary Moorefield

Gene Kistler

Andrew Forron

Kevin Rock

Guests:

Jason Dibble

Bill Strasser

Peggy Pings

Bill Wells called the meeting to order. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Chris Carnefix introduced himself and announced he will be replacing Dave Bassage from Ace Adventure Resort.

### **Minutes**

Jeff Evans read the September 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 minutes because there was just one copy. There was one correction to the minutes (Jeff Evans was present although late) but there weren't any additions. A motion was made by Gene Kistler to accept the corrected minutes and the motion carried by a majority vote.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Bill Wells introduced Kevin Rock, our new Treasurer. Kevin reported we had a bank balance of \$2185.83 as of 12/31/2016. We received in the mail and deposited \$350.00 for membership fees, which brought our bank balance as of the meeting to \$2535.83. Bill Wells gave Kevin another \$875.00 from membership fees to deposit.

### **Grants:**

Bill expressed a number of concerns with the implementation of the grant written by Steve Jones. Steve Jones believes that using mountain bike trails as connector trails meets the conditions in the Grant. Bill believes that the connecting trails should be suited for recreational use, that is wider and less challenging. After all the intent is for these trails to be used by beginner cyclists. There is a consensus of the Board members present that the Vision Statement needs to be revised to clarify this point. It was agreed by the Board members to meet at a later date to revise the Vision Statement. Also the NRGTA is the Co-Applicant on the Grant but hasn't been able to review or comment on the Grant proposal or the implementation of the Grant. The concern is that as Co-Applicants that the NRGTA has the obligation to ensure that the Grant be implemented properly according to how the Grant is written.

Billy Strasser gave us a brief update on the ARC Power Grant.

Marvin Davis:

If you use Amazon to make purchases online you can now donate .5% of your purchases to the NRGTA by using AmazonSmile. Marvin has set up the NRGTA as a Non Profit you can select to donate to. A motion was made by Adam Hodges to approve setting up the NRGTA as an Amazon Non Profit organization under AmazonSmile. The motion was seconded by Ray Moeller and carried by the Board.

Marvin briefly discussed Officially adding the Needleseye Boulder Park to the Oak Hill trails system.

**Adjourned:**

Motion was made to adjourn by Ray Moeller and seconded by Adam Hodges.

**Public meeting to discuss the NRGTA, Summersville:** Attending was 14 interested citizens.

Bill Wells explained the Vision Statement for the 6 southern West Virginia Counties and asked for input from the Nicholas County interested citizens.

**Presenters:**

Billy Strasser: We're building trails to connect Mount Hope to Richwood. The trails will be a mixture of roads, Rail trails and new trails. Most are in an approved state, waiting on environmental clearances. We will need maintenance money in the future to maintain the trails. Presently the NRGTA is looking for legal and Para-legal pro bono help to save money.

Ray Moeller introduced himself as the Nicholas County West Virginia State University Extension Agent for Community & Economic Development, in partnership with the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority. Ray provided an overview of trail initiatives taking place in Nicholas County.

Marvin Davis: City of Oak Hill. Using West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservancy money to buy the land for the Needleseye Boulder Park. Looking at trails within 300 acres of land. The trails to consist of Mountain Bike trails, Hiking trails, Recreation trails and trails to the climbing areas. Presently they applied for \$45,000 from WVDOT to design the trails.

Joe Howard: A West Virginia Tech University Professor. We're going to assist the NRGTA by using our students to design bridges and structures to be constructed on the trails for the NRGTA. Professor Howard will oversee the students who will design the structures.

Questions from the General Public:

Will the Needleseye be connected to Canard? Chris Carnifix says were looking at a way to open a path to Canard.

**Previous Business:**

President Bill Wells sent out a draft of the NRGTA Bylaws on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 by email to the NRGTA Board for a vote. The Bylaws draft was approved by email by the board members without any dissenting votes.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Evans Recording Secretary