

January 9th 2018
NRGTA Board meeting
Nicholas County meeting at the Richwood library 5:00 pm

Board members present:

Bill Wells
Adam Hodges
Kevin Rock
Jeff Evans
Andrew Davis
Chris Carnifix
Andrew Forron
Gene Kistler
Ray Moeller
Claire Rozildilski
Phil Waidner

Guests: Billy Strasser, Sam Chaber, Cassie Hughart and Erin Ellis-Reid

Bill Wells called the meeting to order (we had a quorum) around 4:30 pm. Bill welcomed our guests Cassie Hughart (DOH Region 4) and Erin Ellis-Reid (Active SWV Community Outreach director).

Minutes: There were not any additions or corrections to the Kanawha County meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Adam Hodges and seconded by Kevin Rock. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's report: Kevin Rock reported we have a grand total of \$15437.37 in four separate accounts, \$1225.00 in the West Virginia connecting communities, \$3055.00 in the BBT account \$11,095.00 in the ARC Grant account and \$65.00 in Paypal (which will be transferred shortly). Calendar year income is \$ 34,647.25. Of that amount there was \$33,536.00 in Grants money and the balance of the income is memberships and corporate donations.

Membership Web Site: Phil reports we have 41 active memberships. There are 14 overdue memberships, (2 are pending) and 4 lapsed memberships. The membership breaks out as 6 singles, 16 Families, 3 corporate and 16 Non Profit memberships.

The web site logon password is NRGTA17. Members should use their email address as their user name.

Phil made a motion and Andy F seconded the motion was to move the Go Fund Me page to the NRGTA web site. The NRGTA board approved the motion.

Phil says we need to have a membership drive using our social media. Maybe solicit at the schools? Bill challenges everyone to sign up a corporate sponsor and solicit for new memberships.

Cassie asks what are the perks for becoming an NRGTA member. Presently members receive a quarterly newsletter. There was a suggestion that the ARC Grant committee studies the idea and recommend perks for NRGTA members.

Social media: Andy F reports that we need content for our social media (pictures or posts). If you're out riding take some pictures and post them on the NRGTA Facebook page. You can also text or email pictures to Andy F (Andy prefers email). Most board members are administrators on the NRGTA Facebook page.

Phil and Andy D seconded the motion to make Andy F the chair of social media. The NRGTA Board approved the motion unanimously.

County Maps: Bill reports that all the County Trail maps are now marked up and ready to be published online. We'll also be publishing printed maps that cover the Monongahela National Forest, paid for with funds from the ARC Grant soon.

ARC Grant:

Billy Strasser reports that they are working on right of ways in the Wolf Creek Park (12 miles of trails). The Wednesday hiking group (Andy, Sam, Gene and Billy) has been helping out determining where the trail should go. Sam is putting all the trails on a map. Next Cassie will set up a meeting with the DOH preparing to work on environmental clearances on those 12 miles of trails.

Maintenance program: Sam reports that he has put together a trail inventory sheet of all the counties the NRGTA covers. We're trying to get volunteer groups to help with trail maintenance. Sam talked to Stormy (with Raleigh County work release program) to try and get volunteers. Also we have volunteers from WV Tech. WV Tech Volunteers would receive credits for working with the NRGTA on trail work.

Insurance update: Billy handed out a summary of insurance quotes from several companies. John Frisby recommended Jim Lively insurance in Beckley. The board had some questions that weren't answered and more information is needed. The NRGTA Board decided to table the decision of which company to go with till the next board meeting when their questions could be answered.

Grant Contract for employees: Bill states we need to redo the grant employee contracts. Our Grant employees need to have their contracts go through their LLC Company's to address liability. The ARC Grant committee will be over seeing rewriting of their contracts.

Grants Committee: There had been previous discussions to establish a Grant committee to identify grants to pursue that would be in line with the NRGTA Vision. A motion was made by Gene and seconded by Andy F to establish a Grants committee from the NRGTA Board with 7 members, one from each county and a Committee chair. Where there are multiple NRGTA Board members from one county, those board members will select their County representative. The Committee would meet quarterly. The Board will select a Grants Committee Chair. Claire recommends being present at the Grant Committee meetings.

Fund Raising: A motion was made by Ray seconded by Andy and approved by the NRGTA Board to create a Fund Raising committee separate from the Grants Committee. The committee would consist of 3 members selected by the NRGTA Board. A motion was made by Andy D, Seconded by Ray and approved by the NRGTA Board to modify the motion to include the duties of the Membership Committee in the Fund Raising Committee.

Flex E Grant: Cassie brought up that the NRGTA could apply for a Flex E grant to help with the GIS work in planning trails. Adam made a motion and Andy F seconded the motion to apply for a Flex E grant to pay for GIS work for trail planning. The NRGTA Board approved the motion. For more information on Flex E Grants:

<http://www.wvcommerce.org/people/communityresources/financialresources/flexegrant/default.aspx>

National Park Service: Claire gave a briefing on the trail vision laid out in the park's General Management Plan and updated the Board on the meeting that the park leadership had with Bill in November. Bill passed out a list of draft priorities for the NRGTA to consider and asked for

additional projects to be put on the list. The Board discussed about how best to prioritize Trail projects (whether discussions or ranking by simple vote). The Board will discuss what are the top trail projects they would like to see the park work on within the next four months.

Bill's submitted list:

1. Access to cross NRG at Fayetteville. Includes trail access to both sides of the catwalk on the NRG Bridge for potential crossing on catwalk and access to 2nd avenue in Fayetteville from Fayette Station Road in Fayetteville.
2. Through Park Trail connector trail from Cotton Hill Bridge to Hinton. Includes reopening Kaymoor Trail and opening up Mid-Mountain Trail or upgrading the Hawks Nest Connector Trail.
3. Trail Access from ARC Grant Trail to Thurmond on south side of the river. Ideally this includes reopening the Rend Trail. Alternative could be Craigs Branch Trail to Kaymoor Trail to Brooklyn Trail to Thurmond.
4. Trail from Gauley ridge to Summersville Dam and to Meadow River Trail.
5. Quinnimont Trail- On old rail bed that goes from Quinnimont to end of rail bed. Eventually will go to Danese and connect with rail bed that goes to Russellville and the Meadow River trail.
6. Garden Ground Stacked Loop System
7. Access to Park from Rotan St. to metal bridge on Wolf creek in Fayetteville. Includes trail following Wolf Creek to Route 16 and up to Arrowhead Bike Farm.
8. Others

Officer terms: There was discussion to extend the Current officers terms to January 2019(the current officer terms would have run to July 1st 2018) and have future Officer terms run from January to January, (Officer terms are 2 years). A Motion was made and was 2nd. The Board approved the motion.

Email vote:

There were no email votes since our last NRGTA Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Ray made the motion to adjourn and was 2nd by Kevin. The board approved the motion.

Public meeting: We had two guests. Bill welcomed the public guests and asked for their ideas for trails in Nicholas County.

Billy gave a vision of the trails in Nicholas County and Richwood that are a part of the ARC grant.

Bill gave an explanation to our guests of the NRGTA trail vision using the marked up county maps.

Next meeting. The March meeting of the NRGTA will be held on March 20, 2018 at the Greenbrier County Courthouse. The Board Meeting will begin at 4:30 PM and the public meeting will start at 6:00 PM. Following the public meeting we will meet at Del Sol Cantina in downtown Lewisburg for a social hour.

Submitted by

Jeff Evans

Recording Secretary

Final version