

## Unofficial Meeting Notes

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

NRGTA Board meeting

Nicholas County Board meeting at the Richwood Public Library

### Board members present:

Bill Wells

Adam Hodges

Jeff Evans

Pete Conrad

Andy Forron

### NRGTA Employees:

Billy Strasser, Sam Chamber

### Guests:

Cassie Hughart and Gary Weir

#### 1) Introduction:

Bill Wells called the meeting to order (around 4:35 pm).

#### 2) Minutes and email votes:

Reviewed the email votes that passed by email vote from previous meetings:

- Accept the current slate of offices for the same offices for 2019.
- Approved the in kind hours for the ARC grant for September through November.
- Phil Waidner approved to stay on the NRGTA board and represent The Arrowhead Bike Farm.
- The MOU between the NRGTA and the DOH and various government agencies where the trail crosses the ARC trail.

#### 3) Treasurer's report:

Kevin Rock was sick. Bill Wells gave the Treasurer's report. 2018 was our first full year of operations.

We have a Balance of \$18,477.15 in three separate accounts.

**Year to date Expenses:** We have spent \$121,430.43 broken down to \$118,737.13 for Grants and \$2693.30 for operating expenses.

**Year to date Income:** We collected \$125,510.21 which broke down to \$4182.00 in dues collected, \$3,321.32 collected from donations and gifts and \$118,006.89 from three grants.

**Net Income:** \$4,079.78

#### 4) Election Results for NRGTA Officers for 2019:

- President –Bill Wells
- Vice President—Adam Hodges
- Financial Secretary—Kevin Rock
- Recording Secretary—Jeff Evans

#### 5) Membership and Web Site: Phil was absent.

#### 6) NPS Trail Priorities:

Those present filled out the sheet listing their priorities for the NPS priorities. Those who weren't present would list their priorities later.

#### ARC Grant Billy Strasser reports:

Tonight Richwood will sign off on the ARC grant MOU tonight at the Richwood City consul

meeting (after the Board meeting). Also Billy will be attending the Oakhill and Fayette County meetings to have them sign off on the ARC grant MOU. The MOU states that the NRGTA is responsible for minor trail maintenance and the other entities are responsible for the major trail work. Each government entity would be responsible for the trail work within their jurisdictions. Billy passed out copies of the NRGTA brochure that Sam and Billy put together.

Coal Heritage grant update: Work continues. A report is due out in May with Safety Recommendations.

We've done some work on the big NRGTA Trail network map adding some trails.

The NRGTA applied for a new TA grant for \$59,500 to extend the trail out to the other 5 counties. We were recommended for approval for that grant. We should know whether we're approved in the next couple of weeks.

#### **7) Trail planning group:**

We're looking at bringing Monroe and Webster counties into the NRGTA. Need to prioritize where we get best value for our money. Local people can do the research work for the trails. Then we can get the grant money to support them.

Andy Davis says that families can be involved in planning and building the trails and Active West Virginia would support that effort.

#### **8) Potential Partnership with WV Coal Association/Land Companies:**

WV Coal Association is interested in partnering with the NRGTA in building trails. They would support the NRGTA with finances and influence with government entities and the Railroads.

They realize we're not a political group. They would like to see the NRGTA succeed which would be good advertising for the West Virginia Coal Association. The West Virginia Coal Association would have a seat on our Board. We may do an email vote to accept them on the Board or discuss it again at the next Board meeting.

**10) Old Business:** Rails to Trails Conservatory will supply GIS work for Trail planning (will be part of the TA Grant).

**11) New Business:** None.

#### **Public Meeting:**

I left early due to my long drive.

Jeff Evans

Recording Secretary

**Next meeting:** The meeting of the NRGTA will be held in Lewisburg March 12<sup>th</sup> at the WVSOM in the Alumni Board room (Building #6). The Board Meeting will begin at 4:30 PM and the public meeting will start at 6:00 PM. A date will be picked later.

#### **Email votes after the Nicholas County meeting:**

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Approved by a majority of the NRGTA Board:

- September Fayette County Board meeting minutes
- The 2018 end of Year Financial report
- ARC Grant MOU between the NRGTA and Fayetteville County, Fayetteville, Oakhill and Richwood for which work would be performed by each entity in the agreement.