

**MON/YOUGH TRAIL COUNCIL**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**

President, Mark Place, called the monthly meeting of the Mon Yough Trail Council to order at 7:00 PM at the Greenock Fire Hall with 21 members in attendance. A quorum of 12 board members was confirmed as listed below, and Mark introduced new member, Brian Brletic who expressed an interest in volunteering on the trail with the maintenance crew.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Place	Eileen Lenart	Tim Banfield	Kathie Fawcett	Cathy Bartley	Linda Vota
Mary Reid	Charlie Smith	John Eisenbarth	Marei Burnfield	Terry Vota	Sarah Helzsouer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Ringler      Bill Hall

**OPEN MIC NON-BOARD MEMBER NEWS/CONCERNS** – New member and first time attendee, Brian Brletic inquired about whether or not MYTC has taken a position on the impending township power plant issue and was advised that the trail organization will not do so at this time. It was also noted that Industry Road at Rock Run/Duncan is now open.

**CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – RTC annual retreat, Saturday 1/26/2019 at Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg, formerly the Bishop Connare Center; Rudolph Family 2019 trail volunteer appreciation dinner, Sunday 3/24/2019, 7:00 PM in Pleasant Hills; MYTC annual Half Marathon/5K, Easter Saturday 4/20/2019; and AED/CPR classes last Thursday of each month.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Secretary, Mary Reid presented minutes from the October meeting for approval which had not been reviewed during the annual banquet meeting. Marei Burnfield made a motion for approval which was seconded by John Eisenbarth, and the motion carried. The November minutes were then presented followed by a motion for approval by Eileen Lenart, seconded by John Eisenbarth, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer, Tim Banfield presented the October Treasurer's Report which had not been reviewed during the annual banquet meeting. A motion was made by Marei Burnfield for approval which was seconded by Terry Vota, and the motion carried. The November report was then presented, and a motion for approval was made by Terry Vota which was seconded by John Eisenbarth, and the motion carried. Tim summarized the bills to be paid including Lowes charges, monthly R. C. Walters hardware invoice, water and sewage bills, reimbursements to Charlie Smith for generator parts, Mark Place for banquet gift certificates, and Tim for maintenance expenses. Payment of the bills was approved by the motion of Marei Burnfield, seconded by John Eisenbarth, and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Eileen Lenart presented statistics through November 2018 consisting of 502 current members; 5 renewals; 1 new member; 0 interested in volunteering; 6 thank-you letters mailed; and \$0.00 in expenses.

**HALF MARATHON/5K** – Kathy Fawcett conducted a meeting at 6:00 PM this evening prior to start of the regular membership meeting to kick off planning for the event set for Saturday, 4/20/2019. Kathy advised that 18 people have already registered and that volunteers and more sponsors are needed. She asked if those of us who have handled certain tasks in the past are willing to once again volunteer to cover those duties for the 2019 event, and the response was positive.

**FINANCE** – Tim Banfield advised that a budget for the 2019 Half Marathon is required since planning has already begun, and recommended using last year's numbers of \$23K/income and \$13K/expenses as a benchmark for this purpose. Tim made a motion that the budget for the April 2019 event be established at these figures which was seconded by Marei Burnfield, and the motion carried. He also requested that all committee budgets be submitted by the January 2019 meeting. Per Tim, a few donations per month are now being received on the website through PayPal.

**VISITORS CENTER** – Marei Burnfield reported activity during November which included 1 volunteer hour; 0 days staffing at the facility during the off-season; \$470.00 sales; \$0.00 donations; \$331.10 in expenses covering 30 copies of FreeWheelingEasy to be sold in the VC at \$20.00, 7 of which were already sold at the annual banquet; and \$470.00 total cash deposited. Marei noted that she is working with Bill Hall on the "Trail Town" brochure.

**TRAIL MONITORS** – Cathy Bartley had nothing to report for November due to inactivity on the trail during the off-season.

**MAINTENANCE** – Tim Banfield reported on maintenance as follows: The fence issue along Yates Street was addressed; ditch work was performed; trees were cleared; installation of memorial benches has wrapped up for the season; the tool rack for the Army truck is now in use; the leaf blower on the tractor has been put to use for cleanup along the trail; and the tractor was overhauled in the shop. Tim also noted that an order has been placed for dog waste stations utilizing grant funds and that a grant application has been submitted to purchase an attachment for the tractor in the amount of \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. Charlie Smith advised that there has been some movement regarding the Hartley King Property situation. It was also noted that repair of the wall behind the Visitors Center is in process and that the resurfacing project will be done in the fall of 2019 regardless of the status of the sewage project.

**NEWSLETTER** – Terry Vota plans to issue the newsletter in early April 2019 prior to the annual Half Marathon/5K event.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mark Place will schedule a committee meeting after the holidays to work on loose ends regarding website editing and continue discussions on proactive use of Facebook.

**ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET** – On behalf of Kathy Banfield, Mark Place reported that the banquet was a big success, thanks to all of the effort and great planning by Kathy and her committee.

**RTC LIAISON** – Mary Reid had no current information since the November RTC meeting was cancelled due to the date being the day before Thanksgiving. She will attend the next meeting on 12/19/2019 and provide a report at our WYTC meeting in January. Mark Place advised that he will submit a formal letter to the RTC summarizing MYTC's challenging issues. Mary reminded us that the RTC retreat is scheduled for Saturday 1/26/2019 as noted in the Calendar of Events section of these minutes and requested a show of hands to determine preliminary interest which indicated that 6 - 8 members may attend. Further details and an agenda will be available at the January MYTC meeting along registration information.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mark Place reported that the Eagle Scouts plan to clean up and paint the storage container box located at Dravo as a 2019 project. MYTC will provide the paint and materials, and the Scouts will provide the labor required to install shelving, skylights, ventilation, and improvements to the ramp and landscaping.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Mark Place advised that all current officers are eligible to service for another term and initiated the election process as noted. President: John Eisenbarth nominated Mark Place which was seconded by Marei Burnfield, and the motion carried. Vice President: Marei Burnfield nominated John Eisenbarth which was seconded by Terry Vota, and the motion carried. Secretary: Eileen Lenart nominated Mary Reid which was seconded by Terry Vota, and the motion carried. Treasurer: Terry Vota nominated Tim Banfield which was seconded by Marei Burnfield, and the motion. MYTC officers for 2019 will remain the same with Mark Place as President, John Eisenbarth as Vice President, Mary Reid as Secretary and Tim Banfield as Treasurer.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Tim Banfield advised that trees will be taken down along the Durabond Bypass section of the trail as necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Dan Piezik, MYTC member as well as a blacksmith artisan, raffled off four pieces of his work at the conclusion of the business meeting. Lucky winners were Kathy Fawcett, George Sievern, Mark Place and Rowan Reid.

**ADJOURNMENT** – John Eisenbarth made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM which was seconded by Terry Vota, and the motion carried. The next MYTC meeting will be conducted on Thursday, 1/10/2019 at the Greenock Firehall, lower level, beginning at 6:30 PM.

*Mary Reid*

Mary Reid, Secretary  
Mon/Yough Trail Council  
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