

**MON/YOUGH TRAIL COUNCIL**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 17 members in attendance. A quorum of 9 board members was confirmed by Mary Reid as listed below. At the request of Mark Place for Open Mic input, Ron McCozy of the Elizabeth Township Police Department introduced himself and made us aware that the posts are rotting by the railroad tracks, and he also advised that, as the result of the Yates Street repaving, the pipes are clogged and causing drainage problems. Mark advised that a permit for utility work is required prior to any pipe work being done, and Tim Banfield explained that the main focus of the maintenance crew has been extensive storm damage repair which has delayed other work such as the replacing the posts. Officer McCozy volunteered to help with the post/bollard/cable project whenever MYTC is ready to address it, and Tim assured him that it's on the maintenance agenda. Mark alerted us that Industry Road at Rock Run/Duncan which has been closed since 9/17/2018 for an estimated period of 69 days, may or may not be finished by the MYTC Annual Banquet on 11/10/2018.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Place	Belinda O'Keson	Eileen Lenart	Tim Banfield	Kathie Fawcett
Mary Reid	Charlie Smith	Rich Kundman	David Ringler	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marei Burnfield	Terry Vota	John Eisenbarth	Cathy Bartley	Bill Hall
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**CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – ATA Relay Race 10/12/2018-10/13/2018. Elizabeth Township Fall Fest 10/13/2018. Connellsville Fall Foliage Ride 10/14/2018. WYTC Beer Fest 10/20/2018. MYTC Banquet 11/10/2018. Rudolph Family 2019 Trail Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 3/24/2019. MYTC Half Marathon/5K 4/20/2019. AED/CPR classes, last Thursday of each month.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were reviewed and a revision was made to the Community Outreach section to reflect that Terry Vota's cousin and not Terry, attended a local Senior Citizens Fair on behalf of MYTC. The revised minutes were then approved by the motion of David Ringler, seconded by Belinda O'Keson, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE** – Tim Banfield presented the September Treasurer's Report which was approved by the motion of Rich Kundman, seconded by David Ringler, and the motion carried. Tim noted that Visitors Center sales are doing very well and that the annual RTC payment based on membership has been made. He summarized the bills to be paid including cleaning of the SST's, batteries for the lights, newsletter expenses, water and sewage billing and the monthly R. C. Walters hardware invoice. Payment of the bills as presented was approved by the motion of David Ringler, seconded by Belinda O'Keson, and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Eileen Lenart presented statistics through September 2018 consisting of 501 current members; 3 renewals; 1 new/honorary member; 0 interested in volunteering; 4 thank-you letters sent; year-to-date membership deposits of \$13,220.00 and approximately \$20.00 in expenses.

**FINANCE** – Tim Banfield reported that he is still waiting for the title and registration for the new dump truck.

**VISITORS CENTER** – Marei Burnfield's report of activity during August was summarized as follows: 77 hours, 16 days staffed during the month, \$1,486.00 sales, \$107.00 donations, \$0.00 expenses, \$1,229.00 cash deposited, \$364.00 charges via the Square device. A Fall merchandise order has been placed to arrive in time for the P3R Relay Race and to ensure that lots of shirts are in stock for Christmas gifts. The Visitors Center will be open on weekends until 11/4/2018 but the wall repair may impact the schedule.

**TRAIL MONITORING** – In the absence of Dave and Cathy Bartley, David Ringler reported 210 miles and 22 hours of monitoring activity during the last month.

**MAINTENANCE** – Tim Banfield reported that another slide occurred on Saturday 10/6/2018 near Smithdale due to continuing rain. Tim Aaron of the West Newton trail group offered to bring their excavator down to help with the cleanup. A repair estimate has been prepared for RTC covering grading work and advising that associated paving/fencing may be expensive. A letter is being sent to the Township regarding road slides at Smithdale which are affecting trail drainage.

Trees came down in the MP120 area over the past week which will need to be cleared before the ATA/P3R Relay race this coming weekend. Thanks to Marei Burnfield, six PA American Water volunteers cleared various mudslides and drainage problems last weekend using their own equipment.

**NEWSLETTER** – Nothing new was reported in the absence of Terry Vota.

**RTC LIAISON** – Mary Reid attended the meeting on 9/19/2018 and summarized RTC activity as noted in the attached report.

**TERRY FARRELL RIDE** – Belinda O’Keson reported that the fifth and final Memorial Ride held on Saturday, 9/29/2018 was a very nice event and thanked everyone for their support over the past five years. Belinda noted that since the inception of the event \$45,000.00 has been raised in honor of Terry for donation to his many charitable causes.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mark Place advised that transitioning to the new website has been very successful with only a few loose ends to correct/update. He recommended that a policy be established on website editing and advised that a video has been developed to explain the editing process.

**ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET** – Kathy Banfield reported that plans are in place for the event at the Butler’s Rock Run Inn on Saturday, 11/10/2018 and reminded everyone to send in their Board of Directors election ballots if they have not already done so. Tim Banfield noted that volunteer recognitions will be a part of the program and made a motion to present a special award for long-time member, Larry “Moe” Meinen, which was seconded by seconded by Rich Kundman, and the motion carried.

**HALF MARATHON** – Kathie Fawcett reported that she has begun preparations for the event next spring which is scheduled for 4/20/2019. Although the date selected is on Easter Saturday, the membership is of the opinion that this occurrence could bring in more participants since many families get out-of-town visitors over the long holiday weekend who are looking for local activities. Kathie will be scheduling a kickoff planning meeting before the end of the year.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Mark Place provided an update of the ATA/P3R Relay Race set for Friday and Saturday, 10/12/2018–10/13/2018. The estimated time of arrival at the Allegheny county line is 3:30 – 4:00 AM, Buena Vista 4:30 – 5:00 AM and Boston 6:30 – 7:00 AM. Volunteer signup information is on the event website. Charlie Smith will man our light tower at Sutersville, and Mark will handle any overnight calls regarding trail issues.

**OLD BUSINESS** – A possible change in our meeting location from downstairs back upstairs was again discussed. It was decided that for the time being we would continue meeting in the basement due to the poor acoustics up in the main fire hall area. An attempt will be made to provide more comfortable seating such as bringing some chairs from upstairs which may be workable.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Tim Banfield reported that the Maintenance Committee built canapes at the shop from scrap material and has located an online source for equipment covers at \$1,500.00. Tim made a motion to purchase two of the covers at a total of \$3,000.00 which was seconded by Kathie Fawcett, and the motion carried with one member in abstinence. David Ringler volunteered to write a grant request to cover the cost of these items. Mark Place advised that a friend of John Warhold has offered to pressure wash the railcar storage unit at Dravo to remove rust and repaint it as his Eagle Scout project. A budget will be established and a proposal developed for MYTC approval of the Spring 2019 project which will also include installation of shelving, solar lighting, ventilation, improved access ramp and landscaping.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Rich Kundman made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM which was seconded by David Ringler, and the motion carried. The next MYTC meeting will be the Annual Banquet/Membership Meeting/Board of Directors Election to be conducted on Saturday, 11/10/2018, at the Butlers Golf Course Rock Run Inn.

*Mary Reid*

Mary Reid, Secretary  
Mon/Yough Trail Council  
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## **RTC LIAISON REPORT – SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**STEEL VALLEY** – The group wants to pave a 1-mile section of trail behind the apartment complex near the Waterfront.

**MCKEESPORT** – The hostel near the marina is now open for business. New windows have been installed and grant funding has been received for heating to lengthen the season for use of the facility. The new fishing dock has been very busy, and breakfast is available at the Marina restaurant on Saturdays from 8:00 until noon, and until 1:00 on Sundays.

**MON/YOUGH** – Current membership has reached 500. Maintenance activity continues to be focused on repair of extensive storm damage. The group plans to support the ATA P3R Relay Race on 10/12/2018 - 10/13/2018. The fifth and final Terry Farrell Memorial Ride will be held on Saturday 9/2/2018, and MYTC's annual banquet is set for Saturday, 11/10/2018 at Butlers Golf Course Rock Run Inn.

**WYTC** – As with all other trail groups, storm damage repair is the major priority. The annual Labor Day Poker Run was a big success despite attendance being down a bit. Bike raffle tickets are selling at a steady pace as a fundraiser in support of trail maintenance. The second annual Beer Fest will be held in the Cedar Creek Park recreation facility along the trail on Saturday, 10/20/2018.

**YOUGH RIVER TRAIL** – Connellsville got help from Columbia Gas to repair storm damage. Their annual Fall Foliage ride is set for Sunday, 10/14/2018.

**5-STAR** – Their trail had extensive storm damage in the Youngwood area.

**COAL & COKE** – Their Comedy Night event is set for Saturday 11/3/2018.

**WESTMORELAND HERITAGE** – Penn Township repaired \$10K in storm damage to this trail.

**LATROBE/ST. VINCENT TRAIL** – A 40-foot bridge was recently erected.

*Mary Reid*

Mary Reid, RTC Liaison  
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