

**MON/YOUGH TRAIL COUNCIL**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020**

President, Mark Place, called a teleconference version of the monthly Mon Yough Trail Council meeting to order with 16 members participating, including a quorum of 11 board members as listed below.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Place      Mary Reid      Rich Kundman      Tim Banfield      Charlie Smith      Sarah Helzlsouer  
John Eisenbarth      Adrian Marini      Terry Vota      Linda Vota      Kathie Fawcett

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marei Burnfield      Cathy Bartley

**OPEN MIC NON-BOARD MEMBER NEWS/CONCERNS** – No issues were presented for discussion.

**CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – The Half Marathon which was rescheduled from Saturday 4/18/2020 to the revised date of Saturday 6/6/2020 has been cancelled in its entirety for 2020 and moved into next year, Saturday, 6/5/2021; The GAP Relay Race set for Friday-Saturday 6/19/2020-6/20/2020 has been cancelled for 2020; the MYTC Annual Yough & Roll/Trail Appreciation Day has been moved from Saturday 6/13/2020 to Saturday 9/12/2020; the WYTC Labor Day Poker Run set for Monday 9/7/2020 currently remains on schedule; the MYTC Annual Meeting & Banquet planned for Saturday 11/14/2020 at the Rock Run Inn currently remains on schedule.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Mary Reid reviewed minutes of the April teleconference meeting which were corrected by Tim Banfield to reflect that the non-member in attendance was Fred Craddock and that the drainage issue at the Greenhouse is being addressed. A motion to approve was then made by Rich Kundman, seconded by Sarah Helzlsouer, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Adrian Marini presented the Treasurer's report covering transactions through April and bills to be paid which were approved by the motion of John Eisenbarth, seconded by Kathie Fawcett, and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Rich Kundman reported a current total of 495; 7 memorial thank you cards; 10 renewals; 1 new member; 1 member request for emailed newsletter; 0 expressing interest in volunteering; \$133.89 expenses; 20 volunteer hours for Candace Cook and 14 for Rich Kundman.

**HALF MARATHON/5K** – Per Kathie Fawcett, the low number of registrations to date and current isolation restrictions which prohibit large groups does not make it feasible to conduct the event on the rescheduled date of Saturday, 5/6/2020; therefore the new date has been set as Saturday, 6/5/2021. Three options have been established for registrations already paid: Return money; consider payment a donation; apply payment to next year's event. Mary Reid will contact the DJ to reserve his services for the 2021 date.

**YOUGH & ROLL/TRAIL APPRECIATION** – Kathy Banfield had nothing new to report other than reminding us that the event has been rescheduled for Saturday, 9/12/2020.

**FINANCE** – Tim Banfield reported on grant status as follows: RAD grant for streambank stabilization - Allegheny Land Trust signed agreement with RAD but reimbursement of funds expended may be delayed; and tire replacement for equipment (Trail Volunteer Fund) – application prepared and due to submit. Tim noted that the new Operating Budget as presented in draft form at our last live meeting in March was formally adopted as reported during our teleconference meeting in April.

**VISITORS CENTER** – In the absence of Marei Burnfield, Jeff Pavetti reported that membership brochures will be available at the Visitors Center when it is opened, and he also commented that the SST is in good condition. Mary Reid noted that the RTC office and Visitors Center in West Newton also remain closed until further notice.

**TRAIL MONITORS** – Nothing was reported due to the absence of Cathy and Dave Bartley; however, Mark Place commented that the trail has been extremely busy.

**MAINTENANCE** –Tim Banfield reported as follows: Garbage pick-up by Kathy Banfield, Lois Verminski and Joanna Stewart at multiple locations; mowing resumed at Dravo, Boston trailhead, other parking lot areas, and along trail; slide maintenance performed between Sutersville/Smithdale including clean-up/tree removal; fallen trees cleared at GAP mileposts 119 and 125; used a new load of fines to patch the trail surface in various locations; cleaned up fallen tree limbs/debris from mowing area along trail between the shop and Twele ballfield, and Sutersville to Smithdale; continued ditch work at greenhouse and spread fines to eliminate “lake” on trail. Rich Kundman has been working on demolishing encroaching buildings near the pond in Greenock. Equipment Status: Army truck fuel pump requires further attention; side arm tractor has a starter issue with repairs in progress; backhoe repairs were performed on the hydraulic line at a cost of \$390.00. SST status: Industry unit vandalized with suggestion that it be closed by the Township for the duration of pandemic; urinal at Dravo repaired; sanitizer cartridges replenished manually at Dravo and Boston; new volunteer, Tom Trout, participated in a few work recent work sessions. The Maintenance committee will evaluate the feasibility of planning larger group work sessions during the yellow status of the pandemic and will continue to perform maintenance tasks in small groups/individually.

**NEWSLETTER** – Terry Vota was congratulated for the outstanding job he did in issuing the latest newsletter which was mailed on 5/13/2020.

**RTC LIAISON** – Mary Reid had no new information to report due to closure of the RTC office until further notice.

**NEIGHBORING TRAILS** – Nothing was reported due to the absence of David Ringler. Mary Reid advised that live meetings of the WYTC group in West Newton have been suspended through the pandemic with business currently being conducted by email.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mark Place advised that although Adam Inlay has built an excellent webpage, it is not being updated in a timely manner. John Eisenbarth’s son, Andy, has volunteered to keep the site current, and hopefully Andy, along with Sarah Holzlsouer can join forces to keep the website as current as possible.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Mark Place reported that he attended a sewer project meeting with RTC and the engineer. Survey work is being done in the slide areas and gate/bollard design work is in progress. Mark advised that the township engineer hadn’t taken into account all of the slides that will need to be remediated which could greatly impact the cost. He asked Jeff Pavetti to tell us about his donation idea which could also result in increased membership. Jeff explained that since the trail is being so heavily used and the parking lots have been full, now would be a great opportunity for a “popup”/mini trail appreciation day event. This could be a modified version and not a replacement for our Trail Appreciation Day which is set for Saturday, 9/12/2020. A random date could be selected after the “code yellow” period is over when the weather forecast is favorable and volunteers are available, and the event could include simple snacks, handout literature, member brochures, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Per Tim Banfield, a \$20K grant is available from the PA American Water Foundation for the second water fountain at Boston to be installed towards the SST near the cameras. A discussion followed regarding who would be responsible for the water bill, and it was determined that installation of such a fountain should be predicated upon the Township agreeing to supply the water. A motion was made by Rich Kundman to proceed with the grant application under this condition which was seconded by Adrian Marini, and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nothing new was brought up for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Rich Kundman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM which was seconded by John Eisenbarth, and the motion carried. The next MYTC meeting will be conducted on Thursday, 6/11/2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

*Mary Reid*

Mary Reid, Secretary  
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