

**MON/YOUGH TRAIL COUNCIL**  
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

President, Mark Place, called the monthly meeting of the Mon Yough Trail Council to order at the Greenock Fire Station with 17 members in attendance, including a quorum of 11 board members as listed below.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** (\*Teleconference Attendance)

Mark Place	Rich Kundman	Tim Banfield	Sarah Helzlsouer	Terry Vota	Kathie Fawcett
John Eisenbarth	Adrian Marini	Marei Burnfield*	Charlie Smith	Linda Vota	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Mary Reid Cathy Bartley

**OPEN MIC NON-BOARD MEMBER NEWS/CONCERNS** – Nothing was brought up for discussion.

**CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – Team Bunazzi Boston Harvest Race 9/20/2020; Connellsville Yough River Trail Ride 10/11/2020; MYTC Annual Membership Meeting/Board Election 11/12/2020 in place of the Annual Banquet.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – In the absence of Mary Reid, Mark Place presented Mary's minutes from the August meeting which were approved by John Eisenbarth, seconded by Kathie Fawcett, and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Adrian Marini presented the Treasurer's report covering transactions to date which was approved by the motion of John Eisenbarth, seconded by Rich Kundman, and the motion carried. He then summarized bills to be paid which were also approved by the motion of Rich, seconded by John, and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Rich Kundman/Candace Cook reported a current membership total of 517; 0 renewals; 13 new members; 16 thank-you cards; 20 newsletter email requests to date; 1 expressing interest in volunteering; 0 removed from roster for nonpayment; \$0.00 expenses; 10 volunteer hours for Candace and 5 for Rich. It was noted that generating active volunteer support from those that have expressed interest on membership forms has been a frustrating challenge.

**HALF MARATHON/5K** – Kathie Fawcett reported that planning is in process for next year's fundraiser which is scheduled for Saturday, 6/5/2021, and she is considering signage to generate continued interest and advertise the event.

**YOUGH & ROLL/TRAIL APPRECIATION** – Kathy Banfield had nothing to report since the events were cancelled. But it was noted that the WYTC "Popup" event on Labor Day was very successful making about \$900.00 in merchandise sales and donations as well as new memberships, and that their "Virtual Poker Run" event on 9/7/2020 netted approximately \$1,600.00.

**FINANCE** – Per Tim Banfield, \$314.56 from the Safety Grant was utilized for AED equipment, and the pending donation from PA American Water should be processed this month. Tim plans to meet with the accountant to review financials within the next month.

**VISITORS CENTER** – Marei Burnfield reported that \$850.00 has been deposited from Visitors Center sales, and either Sunday, 9/27/2020 or 10/4/2020, are being considered for the Popup Trail Appreciation Day during which she is hoping to sell the remaining Visitors Center merchandise. Ken Medved expressed interest in purchasing a photograph at the Center, and it was recommended that he obtain a print of the photo, since the original is part of the permanent display. Marei advised that a few new items of RTC/GAP merchandise will be available for sale such as neck gaiters, bandanas and long sleeved shirts as a result of recent RTC Merchandise Committee meetings attended by Marei and Mary Reid who are working on this project.

**TRAIL MONITORS** – Monitoring activity over the past month was reported at 584 miles during 88 hours with 1 assist provided.

**MAINTENANCE** – Tim Banfield reported on maintenance activity as noted. Work Sessions: Mowing, clearing overhanging tree limbs, and cleanup of washouts has continued. Grant Status: Phase I of the RAD Grant at \$11,500.00 will cover Blaha Excavating work; water fountain specifications have been established for order placement under the American Water Grant; the Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for \$1,500.00 was received, and new tires for the Boomer tractor have been purchased. Equipment Status: the Cub Cadet and campground zero turn mowers have been repaired; the auger

attachment repair is complete. SST Status: Industry and Blythedale tanks were pumped were out. Demolition Project: The second shed is nearly done. Thirteen Olympus Energy volunteers worked on tasks at the campground on Friday 8/21/2020, and MYTC volunteers along with the Dongilli family continued removal of dead trees.

**NEWSLETTER** – Terry Vota reported that the next newsletter issue is still targeted for early October with input required by the end of September. He is planning to include the board election ballot if possible, as well as information on the annual membership meeting and latest updates on the sewer project and other pertinent activity.

**RTC LIAISON** – In the absence of Mary Reid, her Liaison report from the last RTC meeting on 8/19/2020 was provided as part of her meeting minutes handout.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Marei Burnfield reported that contact information signage will be posted near the Visitors Center stating that all events held on the trail must be scheduled through the RTC office and that submittal of insurance certificates will be required prior to approval. Mark Place noted that the “Burma Shave” signs will be taken down and replaced by “Thank You” signs for donations received during the recent solicitation to make up for lost revenue due to cancelled events caused by pandemic restrictions.

**NEIGHBORING TRAILS** – David Ringler reported that the Jerome Street Bridge project in McKeesport has begun.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mark Place provided an update of the Elizabeth Township sewer project. Bids were received ranging from \$6.3M to \$10M, and the contract will be awarded this month. Following contract award, the trail shutdown date will be determined, and an announcement will be drafted to notify the public of the closure date which is anticipated to be from approximately 10/15/2020 through 4/15/2021. Mark advised that RTC President, Malcolm Sias, supports MYTC's position that regardless of the change in Allegheny County's outdoor participation policy, the number of 50 attendees will be the maximum permitted at any one time due to heavy use of the trail during the pandemic.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Rich Kundman/Candace Cook reported on the RTC Zoom Fundraising Committee meeting held on 9/3/2020. A “Trail Keepers” website will be created featuring active trail maintenance volunteers who are responsible for keeping the trail in outstanding condition, and the site will also include pictures.

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** – Tim Banfield made a motion to establish this year's Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors election consisting of Chairperson Mary Reid, along with Mark Place, John Eisenbarth and Marei Burnfield, which was seconded by Sarah Helzlsouer, and the motion carried. Every attempt will be made to identify candidates for the ballot in time to be included in the newsletter targeted for publication in early October.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Sarah Helzlsouer made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM which was seconded by Rich Kundman, and the motion carried. The next MYTC meeting will be conducted on Thursday, 10/8/2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

*Mary Reid*

Mary Reid, Secretary  
Mon/Yough Trail Council (MYTC09102020)