

MRATC Quarterly Meeting Minutes: 1/3/18

Present: Ron Bobko, Doug Levin, Kathy Walker, Anne Maio, Jim Warden, Jerry Davis, George Dickert, Travis Stanley, George Kilgore, Sharon Trumbley, Bill Hurlebaus, George San Fillipo, Isaac Peters, Whitney Osborne, Ina Price, Leanna Joyner, Kathryn Herndon Powell, Terry Walker. Mary Davis joined the meeting via ipad.

1. Reimbursement by club for sawyers' personal expenses for first aid/CPR, to pay that part not paid by the ATC. Motion by Terry Walker, seconded by Bill Hurlebaus, all board members present, 7, voted in favor.
2. Minutes were approved for the November Quarterly meeting (with minor changes recommended to the Treasurer's Report section by Doug Levin, see copy). Motion made by Terry Walker, seconded by Bill Hurlebaus, all voted in favor.
3. Minutes were approved for the November Partnership meeting, motion by Bill Hurlebaus, seconded by Terry Walker, all were in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report. (see attached) Bottom line: our cash in the bank is \$11,326.71, minus the \$3780 in the Stacey Levin account, leaving an available balance of \$7546.71. Our Trimpi CD is worth \$4586.26. Our Vanguard fund is worth \$12,394.66. \$3000 more will be deducted from our checking account and put in a CD ready to be invested when the time is judged to be right by Doug Levin.
5. Local Management Plan. Anne Maio (after this will just be referred to as Anne) sent this out to all board members early in December, but has received no comments. She will resend it.
6. New Leadership model. Anne recommends that we try this model for 1 year before we change our bylaws. She reviewed each Coordinator's committee tasks (See copy).
 - I. Trails: discussion mainly involved communication with the Forest Service and the ATC. Anne will send a list to Doug Levin and other board members with all the contacts. Otherwise, Doug feels that he did "2/3 of this last year" and hopes the committee will split up tasks with him.
 - II. Outreach: Anne and Whitney Osborne will discuss this and decide who should be the coordinator. She feels there is a lot more potential for youth engagement with this committee than in the past. She also feels we may need a contact to work more on Abingdon (along with Damascus, is a trail town) event planning.
 - III. Natural Resources and Preservation: Carol Broderson is still considering whether to take on this committee, which also means becoming a board member. She wasn't able to be at this meeting, and lives at a distance, so doesn't want to commit to attending quarterly meetings.
 - IV. Club Recreational Activities: Sharon Trumbley says Anna Sherrill has agreed to join this committee.
 - V. RPC Representative and alternate: Gerry Davis has agreed to be an alternate, along with Bill Hurlebaus, in case Terry Walker can't get to a meeting. Terry has also agreed to coordinate communication in general for the club. If communication comes in from the Forest Service or ATC or others, he will make sure it is sent to right folks.

- VI. General Administration group: Anne agreed to be the administrative assistant, unless someone else volunteers. A motion was made that Anne take this position by Kathy Walker, seconded by Sharon Trumbley. All were in favor.

Other discussion about the leadership model included:

- I. Leanna Joyner mentioned the need for succession planning if the new model was successful.
- II. Kathryn Herndon Powell asked who would be responsible for the ridge runner. Folks felt that the Trails committee would be.
- III. Ron Bobko started a discussion about how to get new folks involved in the club. Ideas ranged from asking a new member to pick a committee to work with vs a more slow sort of involvement as members on their own started being involved in club work. Trying to involve younger folks was also brought up again.

A motion was made by Kathy Walker to try the new leadership model as presented and discussed for 1 year and then evaluate. Bill Hurlebaus seconded this and all were in favor.

7. Slate of officers: Anne passed around a slate of officers, directors and coordinators, who would need to be voted on at the annual meeting (see copy). A motion was made to accept this slate by Sharon Trumbley and seconded by Kathy Walker, all were in favor.
8. Remote members attending board meeting via technology: The possibility of having our more remote members attend via Skype was demonstrated and discussed. Mary Davis attended on Gerry's computer without a hitch. However, Carol Broderson was traveling and away from an available computer, making it impossible to reach her. Possibly moving the April meeting to some site closer to Independence was discussed. However, since this would still require remote members to drive over an hour, while making most members add considerable night mileage, this seemed unfeasible. Moving the meeting to a daytime venue would effectively eliminate members who work, and a weekend meeting was considered impractical. Members present reached consensus that another attempt at Skype with Ms. Broderson in April was the best option.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.