

November 7th 2017  
NRGTA Board meeting  
**Kanawha County (city of Montgomery)**, start time 4:30 pm

Board members present:

Bill Wells  
Adam Hodges  
Kevin Rock  
Jeff Evans  
Andrew Davis  
Chris Carnifix  
C. Anne Cavalier (Town of Smithers)  
John Frisby  
Steve Jones  
Phil Waidner

We had quorum of board members.

Guests: Billy Strasser NRGTA resource, Arc grant project manager  
President Bill Wells chaired the meeting.

**Minutes Approval:**

Andy Davis took the September Board meeting minutes. There were 3 corrections to the minutes. Andy Davis to make the corrections and resubmit the amended minutes (attached at the end of these minutes). Adam made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Kevin Rock. The Board voted to approve the motion.

**Treasurer's report:**

Kevin Rock gave the Treasurer's report: We have a grand total of \$3163.37 in 3 accounts. We have 3 new memberships since the last meeting. We now have a separate account set up for the ARC Grant. There haven't been any Grant deposits into Arc Grant account yet.

**County trail Maps update:**

We have now completed the Nicholas County Kanawha and Raleigh County maps. We still have to complete the Greenbrier County map. Billy S. is working with a representative of the Greenbrier County bicycle club to update the Greenbrier County map. The goal is to complete the county maps by the end of the year so that we can complete the regional map of the NRGTA vision. Then email the NRGTA vision map out for publication to the public. Marvin Davis is working on loading the trails from the County paper maps to the online maps but hasn't completed it yet.

**Web Site update:**

Phil Waidner announced the NRGTA web site is complete now. Phil will need board members to submit photos and other content to put on the web site. New NRGTA Members will be able to join through the web site. Phil has a new feature on the website called "Trail of the Month". Members can submit trail map content through the "trailports.com". Also you can submit trail content to Phil as a gpx file and Phil will take care of it..

We currently have 48 memberships (6 corporate, 16 Family, 11 individuals and 15 government or non profits). There are 10 memberships that need to be renewed. Renewal notices have been sent out and from this point auto renewal notices will be sent out as memberships expire. Let Phil know if you haven't received a renewal notice. Kevin requests that the email renewal notice be

modified to accommodate the IRS's standards. Phil states all Government and Non Profits are free accounts and don't receive renewal notices.

### **ARC grant application:**

**Billy Strasser Bill Wells and Steve Jones reports:** October 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our first onsite-scoping meeting with Region 4 (DOH). Things are moving forward with Region 4. Presently Bill W and I working on right of ways and the DOH's are working on environmental clearances. We've had a few volunteer trail maintenance days on the existing trails. Last Saturday we had a workday at Babcock State Park (under the Active West Virginia Umbrella). Presently the NRGTA doesn't have insurance so Active West Virginia is providing insurance for workdays. Also we're still working on the mapping contract.

We submitted the final version of the planning grant (with West Virginia connecting communities).

Steve Jones is resigning as ARC Grant director to start a new project, stating this has been a good project and he is ready to move on to other endeavors in the Canaan Valley. Steve's idea will be to build over 500 miles of trails through the Canaan Valley. Also Steve states he is resigning from the NRGTA Board to have more time to work on the Canaan Valley project. We need to fill Steve's position as the ARC Grant director. Bill Wells has volunteer. If approved Bill no longer be able to serve on the Arc Grant Oversight committee because of the conflict of serving as Arc Grant director. Andy Forron has been suggested to fill Bill's position on the Arc Grant Oversight committee. Andy Davis nominated Bill Wells to succeed Steve Jones as Arc Grant Director and C. Anne Cavalier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Board voted overwhelmingly to accept Bills Nomination.

Jeff Evans nominated Andy Forron to Replace Bill W on the Arc Grant Oversight committee and Steve Jones seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

Billy passed out a copy of a waiver that would be used for trail worker volunteers and a summary of Insurance quotes. Billy suggested getting the advice of an expert insurance agent before we decide which insurance company to go with. John Frisby agreed to review the insurance quotes and the waivers and make a recommendation to the Board. John F and Billy S will report back to the board after John reviews the insurance quotes.

**Funding:** The ARC Power grant doesn't provide the needed money to buy tools and a trailer to haul them in. Also there may not be enough money for travel expenses for our grant workers in the Grant. How do we fund this? Maybe the money could come from a grant or funds from the County Commissions. Bill W also suggests that our annual membership dues may fund needed expenses such as tools and a trailer as membership grows. We'll have more discussion on this later.

### **Next meetings:**

We'll be starting our regional meetings over in 2018. Our first meeting is in Nicholas County. The Nicholas County Board meeting will be in the Richwood Library meeting room, 8 White Ave. Richwood WV, on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. The Public meeting will start at 6:00 pm following the board meeting. We will have a post meeting social hour at the Craft Kings restaurant on State route 41 in Mt. Nebo for those who are interested (via email).

**Mary Ingles Trail:** Jeff Evans reported that Summers County has applied for a planning grant through Region 1 DOH to build a trail that traverses along the Bluestone Lake and the New River on both sides. This trail as reported before would be a part of the Mary Ingles trail and also the Great Eastern trail. The grant is in the early planning stages

### **Old Business:**

None

**Email votes:**

None.

**New Business:** We had a vote to accept Elizabeth Belcher on the NRGTA board (Elizabeth is a County Commissioner for Kanawha County). C. Anne Cavalier made a motion to put Elizabeth on the board and was seconded by John Frisby. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**Marvin Davis** (not present) proposes that a Grant committee be established. The Grant Committees responsibilities would be to recommend which NRGTA projects would apply for ARC grants. The committee would be made up of a representative from each county. This will be discussed in more detail at January Board meeting in Nicholas county.

**Andy Davis** proposes the NRGTA apply for a Beckley Area grant for bike racks that would be installed on the New River Transit buses. The grant will be for \$5519.22 (due December 15<sup>th</sup>). Andy Davis will write the grant. There was a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept Andy Davis's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Anne Cavalier** asked for help in putting together a planning grant for trails around Montgomery. Tom Chamber and Bill have agreed to help as needed.

**Motion to adjourn:** Andy Davis made a motion to adjourn and Kevin Rock seconded the motion.

**Kanawha County Public Meeting (city of Montgomery):**

6:00 pm

There were 6 guests present.

Bill Wells gave a welcome to all the public participants and gave a description of the NRGTA and assessment of our current projects and summarized our overall vision of the future NRGTA trail network. Each County representative gave a description of projects in their counties. Montgomery County is a great place for trails. We're looking for people to help with ideas in putting together a trail network through Montgomery County. We can't do this without your ideas.

**Billy Strasser** gave a description of the ARC power grant for the trail system from Fayetteville to Northern Richwood and some of Greenbrier. We presently have a one million dollar ARC grant. When finished there will be 350 miles of trails.

Bill Wells thank all the public participants for their participation in the meeting.

Submitted by  
Jeff Evans  
Recording Secretary

Final (revised): Monday, January 8th, 2018

## New River Gorge Trail Alliance Meeting Minutes (**Amended**)

September 26, 2017

In attendance: Claire R, Dave H, Kevin R, John T, Cassandra, Ray M, Adam H, Abbie N, Andy F, Bill W, Gary M, Chris C, Andy D, Billy S, Phil W, Steve J, Anne C

- α Board votes to approve minutes from July 2017 meeting
  - Ray M. 1st
  - Gary M. 2nd
- α Financial report from Kevin Rock
  - Wild Apricot Payment made
  - NRGTA received ~\$7 from Amazon Smile
  - Total of \$3,133 in account
  - A second bank account is being created for the ARC Grant. It will have four signatories (Bill Wells, Adam Hodges, Ray Moeller, and John Tuggle)
- α Website is nearing completion. It needs more photos (specifically photos of people enjoying regional trails).
  - Existing members of NRGTA can log into website
    - Username = email address, Default password = NRGTA17
  - It will be set up so that any emails sent to [\\_\\_\\_\\_@nrgta.org](mailto:____@nrgta.org) will get funneled to [nrgta@gmail.com](mailto:nrgta@gmail.com)
  - Users can view other members
- α We still need maps from Raleigh, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and eastern Kanawha counties
- α Healthy Places for Healthy People Grant may be submitted for Smithers and Montgomery
- α Only 700-1000 feet remain to connect the National Park to the Ansted Rail Trail
  - We have ~\$3,500 on hand
  - We need someone to interact with State Park Service to organize trail action plan
  - Andy F. is writing project description
  - Current project budget is over \$4,000
  - Gary M. may be able to source lower prices on pipe
  - Look at the possibility of using cable cars for bikes and arranging special rates
- α Two upcoming trail work days
- α Trail Maintenance Coordinator begins on 10/16
  - Will get started in Nicholas County and carry over into Fayette county
- α Hoping to consider being able to grant scholarships to youth/students who help with trail maintenance
- α Suggestion from Anne C. to submit application/request to Rotary
- α We need a tool trailer
- α Next meeting set for November in Kanawha County
- α Motion to adjourn
  - Dave H. 1st

- Adam H. 2nd