

May 20th, 2020

**Mountain State Trail Alliance (MSTA) Board meeting Summary
Video Conference meeting Via Zoom (Kim Facilitated)**

Board members present:

Bill Wells
Kevin Rock
Andy Davis
Jeff Evans
Andy Forron
Bill Hannabass
Carolyn Komar
Claire Rozdilski
Phil Waidner
Gary Weir

NRGTA Employees: Kim Maxwell. Guests Chris Graham.

- 1) Bill Wells called the meeting to order (after 4:30 pm.) and welcomed everyone. We did not have a quorum (not an official meeting).
- 2) Roll Call. We had 9 voting Board members on the call.
- 3) **Treasurer's report:**

Kevin Reports:
Money received: \$90,000.00 Grant money, 3006.00 in business contributions (includes \$2000.00 form Bill for an excavator) and \$1247.00 in membership dues.
Expenses: \$50,670.00 in ARC grant expenses, \$6,688.00 Coal Heritage grant expenses, \$1312.00 in operating expenses.
We have a restricted balance of \$35,535.00 and unrestricted balance of \$7,714.00.
990 EASY form:
\$181,069 Gross receipts
\$157,752 Gross expenses
\$23,317 Balance
We changed our Non-Profit name to the Mountain State Trail Alliance.
Kevin will email out the EASY 990 to the board.
- 4) **ARC Grant reports:**
 - a. **ARC Implementation grant:**

Kim Reports:
Region 4 DOH still working on the ARC Grant. They sent out a list of items for the MSTA to comment on and return to the DOH. These comments were incorporated into the scope.

There was some money left over for Travel expenses which ARC agreed will be used for Kim and Billy's salary for 4 months. We hope that this money will be a bridge to the next ARC grant being approved which will pay our employees.

b. Kim Reports on the new TA grant:

This grant technically ended the end of April. We are working on the end of the mapping part of the grant with the WVU GIS Center. They are wrapping up the County Vision Maps for planning purposes. Kim is meeting with WVU GIS Center this week to wrap up the end of the grant.

- c. The National Coal Heritage Area Grant is wrapping up. Sam and volunteers cleaned up the cemetery and installed the split rail fence around the cemetery. Sam was to purchase some hardware to be installed to tie the split rail fence together even though he is now off our payroll. This will complete the Coal Heritage grant at Wolf Creek Park.
- d. We are involved in a steering committee on a Grant with the Upper Kanawha Valley Recreation and Trail intuitive. The stake holder meetings are presently on hold till after the quarantine is lifted.
- e. Benedum Grant, we've received the money but we're waiting on the ARC to approve this grant. Presently Kim is coordinating a statewide steering committee to plan a conference.

5) Trail Authority Kim Bill:

We have had two meetings with the steering committee representatives from the 7 counties in the MSTA. We have drafted some bylaws based on the Hatfield and McCoy trail system. Still working on a name for the Trail Authority. There were conversations on creating a budget and as to how the counties would fund the Trail Authority. The Steering committee is putting together a package to present to the County Commissions to decide whether to join the Trail Authority. The package will include bylaws and a budget, although the budget has yet to be finalized. There is a zoom meeting once a month. Presently there are 3 areas in the state implementing the Trail Authority legislation. The different groups are sharing ideas to develop similar plans.

6) Future Meeting Format Bill:

In the future we will have an email vote to see whether the MSTA wishes to return to the county meetings or continue with the Zoom meetings. The email vote will include a yearly meeting with a banquet and fund raiser. The bylaws may have to be amended to allow Zoom meetings.

7) Old Business: None

8) New Business: None

Next Meeting will be in July. It may be another video conference if the quarantine is still in effect.

Submitted by:

Jeff Evans Secretary