

## MRCC Minutes Wednesday, June 17, 2015

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

Checking        \$11,606.85

Club Account    \$74,459.07

Jim Stephen's    \$24,493.25

Devola Trail     \$12,948.57

**Meeting was called to order: 7:10 p.m. @ the Lockmaster's house    Members Present: 16    Guests: 1**

**May Minutes:** Approved

### New Business

**Lockmaster's House** Dan Jones pointed out the need for work on the rain gutters which are not functioning properly and rot under the eaves is beginning. Also, the walls by the stairs have deteriorated significantly and have either collapsed or are loose. Peter will contact city officials to see what can be repaired by the city. The stair walls and lack of railing is presenting a safety concern.

**Membership Discussion** Prior to the meeting, Dan, Teresa, and Peter Prigge had an informal discussion about increasing the membership of MRCC. They shared some of the discussion at the meeting. What is our actual current membership? John Clark said about 30-35. Who is our target audience? What benefits are there to joining MRCC? How do we measure success? A discussion at the meeting reviewed some of these ideas. Bob Stites suggested a membership committee might be explored. It was also pointed out that with 16 members present that would be about half the membership was present. Many comparisons with the Blennerhassett Club were made. They seemed to embrace social media a bit more than our club. Is this necessary for our club? Would our members use? Would it help to attract more members?

**Rivers, Trails, and Ales Festival August 7-9** Haleigh Taylor, organizer, of RTA, spoke about how MRCC could help support the activities this year. The club voted to donate \$250.00 for children's bike helmets. MRCC will help with the dice run (Dan and Teresa will set up), the Lowell trip, and bike parade. RTA was invited to have a membership booth set up for Saturday, who could man the booth and hand out information on the club? Volunteers?? Haleigh asked for ideas on how and where the raft race could take place. A lengthy discussion ensued with Dan Jones suggesting the idea of launching and ending at the Marietta College Docks, heading for the Washington Street Bridge, with a turnaround to the Harmer Bridge. Haleigh will be working with the Friends of the Lower Muskingum on this.

**Wolfe Run Camp Out August 14-16** Judy Lewis will be sending out the letter with the schedule of events and registration information. Thanks Judy, for all your hard work organizing this fun filled weekend! Peter Prigge brought forth a proposal for the club to pay for the campsites and the barbeque, as a perk for our membership. This cost would be approximately \$500.00 If a club member brings a guest then a fee would be charged. A second vote will be required next month.

### Old Business

**River Rendezvous Wrap Up** Missy Shea thanked all the volunteers and the club members thanked Missy for her superb job of pulling the ride together! The ride was deemed a success and a safe and enjoyable time was had by many. Even though the number of riders was down slightly from last year, members feel this is a significant event for MRCC to sponsor. The approximate profit is \$1,884.59. The bathroom usage at Marietta College needs to be resolved. The Valley Gem boat ride had some negative feedback. We might want to survey riders as to other entertainment options. Numerous riders made positive comments and thanked volunteers. Missy is willing to head this activity again next year.

Kitty Clark would like to step down for a year. Marie Ralston offered to pick up some of Kitty's duties. Dan Jones suggested that a committee get started on how to advertise the bike ride. Roger Patterson will head this effort.

**Clean –Up of Old Wood** at Lockmaster's House completed. Peter extends many thanks to all who helped.

**Marietta College Boathouse** all members boats have been removed. Foundation work has begun. Projected completion date is August 2015.

**Temporary Loss of Boat Storage and Launch Site** Peter Prigge has made a contact with Jonathan Hupp, Marietta Safety Director, and Ron King, Harbor Master, regarding the possibility of developing a site for MRCC to launch behind the Lockmaster's House.

**Donation of Boat** Paul Lewis talked with Garnett Stevens regarding the donation of the Marietta rowboat to the Harbor for display. Kurt Alden is very interested but needs measurements.

**MATAC (Mayor's committee on transportation) Meets the 2nd Wednesday, 1:00 pm, at 304 Putnam Street**

No updates

**Devola Multiuse Trail** Paul Lewis progress continues to be made with the excavating work and George Broughton is leading the way. George Broughton has offered to absorb some of the excess costs. The approach to the bridge has been formed and the sides seeded. October is the date set for dedication.

**MRCC Boat Building** John is working to finish the Wherry.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:55 pm.

**Next Meeting: July 15, 7:00 pm Lockmaster's House**

Submitted by: T. A. Griffith

**Next Event June 27, Summer Paddle & Dinner**

Looking for a Saturday afternoon adventure? Why not join your friends in the Marietta Rowing & Cycling Club on Saturday, June 27, when we meet up at Point Park in Parkersburg @ 1:00 pm for a 2 mile paddle/row to Blennerhassett Island? On the island spend time exploring the mansion, riding a bike, hiking, or riding in a horse drawn wagon. Choose your adventure and then @ 4:30 pm hop back into your vessel to paddle/row 2 miles to Kokomos waterfront dining. Don't have your own vessel? Rentals are available at Lapping the Couch Adventures LLC located in Point Place Market. More information is available on our club website, [www.mariettarcc.org](http://www.mariettarcc.org) and the Blennerhassett website, <http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com/>. HINT: If you don't wish to paddle, you can still join us by riding the sternwheeler, but it leaves at 1:00 so be a little earlier or take the next ride on the hour. The informational flyer is on our webpage! You can call Teresa at 740-350-8440. A head count for dinner will take place at the point before we launch.