

## MRCC Minutes Wednesday, May 27, 2015

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved First Quart Report

Checking        \$8,948.00  
Club Account    \$73,675.68  
Jim Stephen's    \$24,241.24  
Devola Trail     \$12,948.57

**Pre-Meeting:** 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm stuffing ride packets for River Rendezvous

**Meeting was called to order: 7:15 p.m. @ the Ralston's        Members Present: 19**

**March Minutes:** Approved.

### **New Business**

**Donation of Boat / YMCA Summer Camp** Dan Jones reported that Peter Priggee, John Clark, and he met to discuss the limited use of the row boats, their deteriorating condition, and lack of effort put forth by the YMCA to take care of the boats or equipment. It was decided not to put the row boats into the water this year and not to engage with the YMCA for summer camp. In light of the significant contribution that Jim Stephens made with the building of wooden boats, it was suggested that the row boat, Marietta, which John Clark restored, be donated to preserve Jim's legacy and to be on display. Suggestions included the Ohio River Museum, the Armory, or the Marietta Harbor. Paul Lewis will contact Garnett Stephens to discuss possibilities.

**Clean –Up of Old Wood** Please come to the Lockmaster's house Monday, June 1, 5:15 pm to load.

**Marietta College Boathouse** Dan Jones has been sending emails to remind members that all boats must be removed by June 1 as significant foundation work will begin.

### **Old Business**

**River Rendezvous** Missy Shea reports about 136 pre-registered. This is about the same as last year. Volunteer jobs were reviewed. Members can pick up supplies on Friday, June 5 beginning at 3:00 pm at the high school boathouse.

**Lockmaster's house update** Peter Priggee will be sending pictures to Jack Hasely of the work completed. Phase 2 on the Lockhouse will be the support of the second floor. Next winter the project will be explored. Per Dan Jones, we may need to check into storing member's boats during the next two months while work on the College Boathouse is undertaken. There was discussion of launching off of the city dock behind the building, it was noted that there was a locked gate, and the mention of the height of the dock might provide a challenge. The club might need to have a float to launch from. Peter will do some checking with the city. Also, John Clark opened the Lockmaster's house and served as host to the Hidden Spaces, Secret Places tour, sponsored by Restore Marietta. John estimated that 50 persons toured the building.

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

No updates

**Devola Multiuse Trail** Paul Lewis gave the updated total at \$111,000. Work has begun on the trail, 150 loads of fill dirt and leveling has begun with George Broughton leading the construction. Phase One of the trail runs from 821 towards the Muskingum river to Second Creek where a bridge will be built. Length is 1.2 miles and connects to a service road that George Broughton is donating access to. This phase of the trail is scheduled to be completed by the end of September with an October dedication planned. Beautification with trees and tables are in the plans. What an incredible achievement for members of this committee! Paul did point out that the MRCC was the first to donate to the trail!

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

**Spring Fling on the Hocking** Four members braved the questionable weather. The spring wildflowers were in full bloom and lunch at the Rocky Boot Café was enjoyed by all. No rain on the parade, until the last 5-10 minutes! Rumor is that someone dressed like an Eskimo in order to peddle that day!

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10 pm.

**Next Meeting: June 17, 7:00 pm Lockmaster's House**

Submitted by: T. A. Griffith

**Upcoming 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.