

MRCC Minutes August 16, 2017

Dues for 2017 \$10.00 single \$15.00 for family

Call to Order: 7:07 pm @ Lockmaster's House

Members Present: 9 Guest:

Treasurer's Report was approved

John noted he is awaiting one outstanding invoice from the River Rendezvous Ride

Approximate earnings from the ride are \$3,800.00

Expenditures this year: \$500.00 to Marietta Mountain Bike group (part of a 5-year commitment) and approximately \$1,600-\$1,700 for kayak launch

Old Business

Lockmaster's House: Work is on hold temporarily. Birds are becoming a bit of a problem and Dan will talk to Peter about approaching the city to take a look

Inland Waterways Festival August 5-6:

The paddle trip down from Devol's Dam was enjoyed by Dan and Wendy! It has been suggested that this activity will be dropped in the future.

Dan reported that the festival committee estimated attendance at 3,100. Rowboat and kayak rides were offered from 1:00 am-4:00 pm. Thanks to Dan, Peter, John, and David! Many riders indicated it was their first time on the river.

MRCC members displayed their kayaks and a canoe. Wendy, Kitty, Paul and Judy manned the display booth. MRCC was very visible at the festival!

Rivers, Ales, and Trails Festival August 11-13:

Roger Kalter, lead a historical bike tour of Marietta

Dan helped AJ set out the Riddle Run on the river

Dan and Teresa backed up AJ at the Veto Lake paddle which had about 20 paddlers

Dan, Teresa, and Wendy backed up AJ with the Lowell to Marietta paddle. The pullout, at the Ferncliff boat ramp, with Larry Slotter and the Busy Bee food truck, along with port-a-potty access was a great success! The paddle was attended by approximately 71 boats, and 75 people.

Dan led an Improve-Your-Stroke clinic that was attended by 5 paddlers.

EZ Kayak Launch: The Marietta Times ran an article to get the word out about our new kayak launch. Many thanks to Wendy for the signage and to Dan, Joe Tewkesbury, Peter, David, and Rick Ralston for installation. Dan will check on cost and ordering of friction strips.

Devola Trail Request: Motion on the table to donate \$10,200 from last meeting

Breakdown: \$10,200 -- \$2,700 cultural/heritage study--\$7,400 Pickering engineering study --\$100 flood plain permit

By-Laws Research: The question was raised at the last meeting regarding limitations on donations and a bylaws amendment. Dan, John, Rick, and Paul meet and reviewed the documentation which was found. **Please see attached.** At the August 17, 2011 meeting a bylaws committee presented guidelines which were approved. A \$3,000 per year limit to a non-profit was set.

Statement of Importance of the Devola Trail: Judy Lewis emphasized that the Devola Multi Use Trail has been the critical factor in obtaining the \$100,000 engineering grant whose purpose is to connect the River Trail to the Devola Lock and Dam, thus creating a 10 mile bike path.

MRCC Support of DMUT Trail: To date, MRCC has provided \$6,000, served as the fiscal agent of DMUT, and voted to loan up to \$40,000 for a 15 month period to Muskingum Township Trustees to aid in the receipt of an ODNR

reimbursement grant. A draft of paperwork, outlining the language of the loan, was worked on by John, Dan, Paul, and Peter. The final document has not been reviewed. All members agree that MRCC is a strong supporter of the DMUT.

Discussion: After a healthy discussion, a consensus was reached that, while MRCC is a strong supporter of the DMUT, it is imperative to work within our by-laws. The members, do have the right to amend the by-laws, but that is a lengthy process and a committee had already spent a great deal of time to outline new spending guidelines in 2011.

Compromise: There was a Motion to Amend the donation to the DMUT from \$10,200 in 2017, to \$3,000 for 2017 year and \$3,000 for 2018 year, and that the motion be accepted as a second reading. The motion was accepted as stated.

New Business

Wolfe Run Campground: Judy reports that plans are set! Boats are coming, riders are ready. See you at the park!

Harmer Rowing Club: Peter indicated via Dan, that the Harmar Rowing Club will need volunteers for the upcoming racing season on Dillion Lake. More info will follow.

Wood County Alternative Transportation Council: Welcome back to Lloyd Roberts, who once again has joined MRCC. Lloyd is the chairman of Wood County ATC and advertises our club activities on their Facebook page. Lloyd shared the many projects the council is working on. They are in charge of a segment of the Ohio River water trail, from the Willow Island Dam to the Bellville Dam and part way up the Little Kanawha River. Also the council works to extend the North Bend Rail Trail from Happy Valley to Point Park. They raise money and pursue grants for their good works! MRCC members encouraged the ARC to look at the difficulty in launching boats at Point Park and landing on Blennerhassett Island.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:47 pm. Submitted by: Teresa Griffith

Next Meeting: September 20, 7:00 pm at Lockmaster's House

Upcoming Events:

Wolfe Run Campout August 18-20

Around the Island Race Kayak/Canoe/SUP September 10 @ 9:00 am

Williamstown Bike Ride September 17 @ 4:00 pm

Muskingum River Tour September 30 @9:00 am Lowell to Marietta Paddle

Please note: I double checked the date and this misses Lowell's Octoberfest, and the Valley Gem is headed up the Ohio, so there should be no conflict with parking or the locks!

MRCC MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2011

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24 members present

TREASURER'S REPORT: checking: \$947.79
Club acct: \$ 69,440 JIM STEPHENS MAWBF: \$ 17,535

Wolf Run Weekend: 23 people participated, lots of fun

Bylaws Committee: after lengthy discussion the guidelines were approved as presented. With the change of "non-profit" to "not for profit".

Harmar Boat club: Last Sat of each month free learn to row class at Broughton Boat house, 9-11 AM.

Bicycling/ Bike trail: Phase 3 to start May 2012 4th street to Jefferson St. Does not include plan to cross Duck Creek.

Rowing/Paddling: plan to paddle from Lowell to Marietta during Octoberfest. The high school will be taking a trailer up if anyone needs to get their vessel to Lowell.

Triathlon: Sept 25, 2011 Dan Jones will have sign up sheets at the next meeting.

Lockmaster's House: planning a Pygmy boat building workshop this fall. Dan Jones will be the leader. Kittie Clark and Judy Lewis are planning a clean up on Monday Aug.22, 2011 about 1PM.

Pygmy Rendezvous: 14 kayaks participated.

Rivers Trails and Ales festival went well, The Mighty Muskingum Raft race was won by Wendy Frye and Beverly Prigge on the "PATIO".

Following the meeting there was a tour of the boats owned by MRCC.

Submitted by Marie Ralston
Next meeting Sept. 21,2011

Bylaws Committee Proposal for Setting the Guidelines for Distributing
Money
From our General Account

Any formula, which is adopted by the members of the Marietta Rowing and Cycling Club, is to be understood but not formalized as part of the bylaws.

The MRCC club should primarily support requests which are used either for MRCC club projects or aimed at the Marietta community and related to recreational use of the local rivers and local cycling.

Any request for funds must have the proposal submitted in writing to the president of the club and sent to members before a vote is taken.

Any request for **more** than \$300 will require the votes of the members present for the meetings from two hearings.

We will set a limit to the funds requested at \$3000.00 per year per organization, which must be a ~~non~~-profit group.

Not For

The MRCC fund at the Marietta Community Foundation should not drop below \$50,000

These guidelines should be reviewed and voted on every three years.