

## MRCC Minutes July 20, 2016

**Prior to meeting a barbecue/potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Rick and Marie for hosting us at their lovely riverside retreat!**

**Meeting was called to order: 7:45 pm @ Ralston's Riverside Pavilion          Members Present: 11 Guest: 1**

**Minutes & Treasurer's Report were approved**

### **Old Business**

**Summer Island Paddle & Dinner:** Five paddlers to the island were joined by 2 sternwheel riders, seven people took the mansion tour, after which, 12 members enjoyed the riverside dining at Kokomos Kove.

**Lockmaster's House:** Colored glass window is being repaired thanks to John and Peter.

**River Rendezvous Wrap-Up:** Roger Patterson suggested setting an ending time for the ride. Other events pick people up if they are not in by the deadline. Adding an extension on at the beginning seems best for participants who want to complete 100 miles the first day. We might need to have a pin, patch, or certificate for this accomplishment. John is still awaiting a few invoices.

**Harmer Rowing Club:** Sponsored a learn- to- row event for all ages. One club member participated. They will not have the nationals at Dillion until 2019. Mid-west will be held at Dillion. The Marietta Community Foundation has funded 7 new "ergs".

### **New Business**

**Devola Multi-Use Trail:** Benches are being installed on concrete pads. Funds have been secured through a health department grant to purchase two bike repair stations and an information kiosk. The trail extension to Millgate is built and gravel is in place, chip and seal to follow. The trail committee has invited MRCC to have their September meeting at the pavilion. **September 21 @ 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish, beverage, and place setting.**

**Wolfe Run Camp Out:** Judy is hard at work making arrangements. John and Peter are planning to bring rowboats.

**River Valley Mountain Bike Association:** Drew Smithburger, provided an update. The association has built 10 miles of trails on the Rudolph property on Millgate. You can ride mountain bikes or hike these trails. Maps and information on Marietta Trails can be found at [www.mtbproject.com](http://www.mtbproject.com). Some of the grants applied for were not awarded for the Gunlock Park. Approximately \$3,000 is needed for hauling fill dirt by dump truck. A skills course for youngsters is still in the works, as well as a link to the River Trail, whenever the next extension is finished. Also the group needs a heavy duty walk behind brush cutter which costs approximately \$3,000. MRCC had the first of two votes to donate \$1,000 to this association.

### **Rivers, Trails, and Ales Festival:**

- Volunteers needed, please contact Halley @ Marietta Adventure Company
- Kayak dice run is being changed to become a trivia hunt, due to theft of dice containers.
- David and Wendy plan to lead the group paddle/row from Lowell down
- Kayak race and raft race have been cancelled
- Friday night will be an Artist's Walk, along with an expo to learn about local clubs. MRCC needs volunteers to host. Past t-shirts and patches from rides could be given away, along with info on the club.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Spring Fling on the Hocking Bike Event-- Rescheduled due to rain:** July 23, with a rain date set for July 24<sup>th</sup>--two starts--one in city of Athens, one at Eclipse.

**Rivers, Trails, and Ales: August 11-14          Wolfe Run Campout: August 19-21**

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40 pm.      Submitted by: T. A. Griffith

**Next Meeting: August, 17<sup>th</sup> @ Lockmaster's House**