



# KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting



Saturday, October 14, 2017, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Wesley Forest Camp, Weikert, Union County, PA

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Paul Shaw, Katie Barker, Donna Thompson, Ernie Werstler, Bob Merrill, Jack Hauler, Joe Neville, Brynn Furnace, Jenn Ulmer, Dave Gantz, Ed Lawrence, Lorraine and Joe Healey, Diane Buscarini, Linda Enders, Krista Cessna, Vicki Porto, Carl Davis, Jane Huston, Sharon Southall, Joyce Appel, William Dingman, Bonnie Davis, Ken Rush, Barbara Van Horn, Charles Perry, Jason Allbright

President Shaw calls the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

### AGENDA

- I. **Opening Remarks** (Paul Shaw)
  - A. Announced that his term is ending and he has enjoyed serving on the board.
  
- II. **General Membership/ Public Comments** (none)
  - A. Barbara Van Horn announces a pipeline event on Monday 10/16 in Columbia.
  
- III. **Approval of the Minutes of the 4/8/2017 Board and Council Meeting** (Council vote)

Motion to approve the minutes from April? Barbara motions, Vicki Porto seconds.  
Any discussion? No discussion. All in favor of approving? All aye. Nays? None.  
Minutes approved.
  
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** (Rob Altenburg was absent. Joe Neville gave the following verbal report:)
  - A. Joe gives a brief report. KTA ended the year in the black over \$13,000. Discussion of a few points of income and expense of the 2016-2017 budget ensued.

Motion to accept the report? Ed Lawrence motions, Vicki seconds. All in favor? All aye. Nays? None. Report accepted.
  
- V. **Agency Partner and Affiliate Reports**
  - A. Game Commission Report (William Dingman)
    - a. Reported on Chronic Wasting Disease, no movement on potential user fees, pushing for license fee increase, pushing for more opportunities for Sunday hunting. The PGC website includes mapping for prescribed fire areas.
      - i. Discussion ensued.
  - B. DCNR (Jason Allbright)
    - a. Thanked our volunteers for our work with DCNR. Reported on the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps, the State Parks Strategic Project, the Bob Webber Cabin, and the ATV connector feasibility study.
      - i. There is a link to the study results on their webpage. Public meetings will be held October 26 and November 9.
  - C. North Country Trails Association (Joyce Appel) – see attachment
  - D. Sierra Club (Jeff Schmit) - none

- E. ATC (Karen Lutz) – none
- F. Save the Loyalsock Coalition - none
- G. Other Clubs, Council Members - none

**VI. Staff Reports**

- A. Executive Director Report (Joseph Neville) – see attachment
- B. Program Administrator Report (Brynn Furnace) – see attachment

**VII. Action Items**

**A. 2017 – 2018 Budget**

- a. Increasing contributions to \$47,000. Gross profit becomes \$181,290. Increasing salaries and wages to \$83,000 providing bonuses to the staff and increasing payroll taxes to \$1,300. Expenses becomes \$181,100. Surplus of \$1,190.

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Budget? Vicki motions, Barbara seconds. All in favor? All ayes. Budget passes.

**B. KTA Board/Council Nominations (Ed Lawrence)**

- a. Board: Wayne Gross has been appointed to the board.
- b. Board Re-election: Ed recommends that Donna Thompson, Jack Hauler, and Bob Merrill be re-elected to the board.

Motion to re-elect? Ed motions, Joe Healey seconds. All aye. Motion carries.

- c. New Board Officers – Ed recommends Ernie Werstler to President, Bob Merrill to Vice President, Rob Altenburg to Treasurer, and Katie Barker to Secretary.

Motion to appoint these officers? Joe Healey motions. Donna seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

**VIII. Other Business**

- A. Thyra Sperry Volunteer Award

**IX. Next Board and Council Meetings: Saturday, April 14, 2018, Jim Thorpe, PA**

Motion to adjourn? Joe Healey motions. Jenn Ulmer seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.