



# KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 3:00 pm

Ligonier Camp and Conference Center, Ligonier, PA

Directors Attending: Paul Shaw, Ernie Werstler, Rob Altenburg, Katie Barker,

Dave Gantz, Bob Merrill, Donna Thompson, Jim Foster

Also attending: Joe Neville, Ed Lawrence, Karen Lutz, Patty Brunner, Bob Mulshine, John Stephen

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

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**I. Opening Remarks** Introductions of those present.

**II. General Membership/Public Comments** (none)

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the 01/07/2017 Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes from January? Bob Merrill motions, Katie Barker seconds. Any discussion? No discussion. All in favor of approving? All aye. Motion carried.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** (Rob Altenburg) – see attachment

Paul: The deficit this year to date was only \$1,000, but last year it was \$10,000 at this time and we ended the year in the black. We have also received significant donations and grants from Patagonia, Back Country Edge, and the Alpine Club of Williamsport that have not been factored into this report.

Ed Lawrence asked about Henry Frank's donation. It hit the budget last year, but is being distributed now.

Trail Challenge registration are double what they were last year at this time.

Report advised to council for approval.

**V. Committee Reports**

**a. Trail Care**

Ed Lawrence: Visited Nolde Forest, the site of the first code orange. There is a lot of good work to do. Donna Thompson met with Ben Sands for the Black Forest Trail Care. There is \$5,500 in the trail care account. Last year they were given \$10,000. They will receive a check for \$1,500 from KTA. Henry Frank will be mentioned for his donation.

**b. Club Services**

Nothing to report.

**c. Finance Committee**

Joe is working with Member's 1<sup>st</sup> on paperwork for the brokerage account.

**d. Executive Committee**

Paul signed a contract with Joe running through the end of the fiscal year.

**e. Nominations Committee**

Nothing to report.

**f. AT Section Committee** (Jim Foster) – see attachment

Brynn will update the website to include the KTA section of the AT. The gravel used is paid for by KTA, not PennDOT.

**g. Patch Committee**

Nothing to report.

**h. Publications Committee**

There has been a discussion with Patty Brunner to begin selling Rachel Carson and Baker Trails guidebooks.

**VI. Action Items (none)**

**VII. Other Business**

**a. Backpacking 101**

Nine people have registered so far. Dave gave a description of the program taking place at Little Buffalo State Park on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a five hour seminar discussing gear, skills, feeding yourself, leave no trace, and keeping safe. Registration is \$50 and includes membership for new members. A backpacking trip will be offered in June, giving time for participants to purchase gear. Trying to spread the word about the event.

**b. Rachel Carson and Baker Trails (Patty Brunner, Bob Mulshine, John Stephen) – see attachment**  
Motion for staff to work with their committee. Bob Merrill motions, Jim Foster seconds. Motion carried.

**c. ATC 2020 Event (Karen Lutz) – see attachment**

Karen described the ATC biannual vista meeting. She asked if KTA would be willing to host the 2020 vista or assist New York-New Jersey club in hosting the event.

**d. 1% for the Planet (Dave Gantz)**

We may have opportunities for grants if we participate in this program. Joe will look into this to gather more information.

Motion to adjourn? Donna Thompson motions, Bob Merrill seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**IX. Next Board Meeting:** Saturday, July 29, 2017, Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association, Renovo, Clinton County, PA