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January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Montour Preserve Environmental Education Center, 374 Preserve Rd, Danville, PA 17821
and online through Zoom

MEETING ATTENDEES

MARC BOARD MEMBERS (online)

Kristin Mikita, Jeff Emanuel, Hide Horikoshi, Commissioner Rebecca Dressler

MARC BOARD MEMBERS (in person)

Chris Johns, Brett Johnson, Bill Byron, Chadd Roadarmel, Tami Gabrielsen, Tyler Dombroski,
Frank Dombroski, Dr. John Bulger

MARC STAFF (online)

none

MARC STAFF (in person)

Bob Stoudt and Julian Brehm

PUBLIC (online)

Wayne Kashner and Otto Kurecian (CMVB)

PUBLIC (in person)

none

MEDIA (online)

Anna Wiest (Daily Item / Danville News)

MEDIA (in person)

Drew Mumich (Press-Enterprise)

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Tyler Dombroski.

ELECTION OF 2025 OFFICERS

Chairman Dombroski noted the need to select new officers for the 2025 calendar/fiscal year.

All officers expressed their willingness to serve another term if desired by the group.

*Motion to re-elect Tyler Dombroski as Chairperson, Dr. John Bulger as Vice-Chairperson / Treasurer,
and Chris Johns as Secretary for the 2025 calendar/fiscal year: Frank Dombroski*

Second: Bill Byron

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dombroski thanked the group for the continued support of MARC's officers. Chairman Dombroski noted that he continued to meet regularly with Stoudt to review and approve expenses and remain up-to-date with MARC's operations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Bulger called attention to the Treasurer's report, as provided as pages 2 – 24 of the meeting agenda packet. Dr. Bulger and Stoudt provided an overview of MARC's 2024 year-end financials, noting the relatively strong financial position for MARC at the start of the new year. Stoudt thanked the Montour County Commissioners and the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau, as well as the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association / Vernal School program for their significant support in 2024, allowing MARC to more effectively manage the sites and projects under its care.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Dr. John Bulger

Second: Bill Byron

Motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Johns called attention to the minutes of the November 25, 2024 meeting, as distributed with the meeting agenda packet.

Motion to approve the November 25, 2024 meeting minutes: Chadd Roadarmel

Second: Tami Gabrielsen

Motion passed unanimously.

PARTNER REPORTS

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Johns noted that he will continue to express MARC's interested in partnering with the district, county and borough to incorporate a trail that connects a potential new sports field complex to the existing Hopewell Park trail network.

DANVILLE BOROUGH

Chadd Roadarmel noted nothing new to report.

MAHONING TOWNSHIP

Bill Byron and Hide Horikoshi noted nothing new to report. Stoudt noted that he had been informed Mr. Byron had been reappointed to another term earlier in the evening by the Mahoning Township Supervisors.

MONTOUR COUNTY

Commissioner Dressler noted nothing new to report.

RIVERSIDE BOROUGH

Jeff Emanuel noted nothing new to report.

WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH

Chairman Dombroski and Frank Dombroski noted nothing new to report.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Julian Brehm called attention to the Assistant Director's Report as provided on page 25 of the meeting agenda packet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stoudt called attention to the Director's Report provided on pages 26 - 39 of the meeting agenda packet.

Stoudt provided an update on the status of MARC's 2024 annual report. Stoudt also reported on ongoing efforts with Columbia County to update the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding with new terms and conditions and an updated listing of projects. Finally, Stoudt also reminded board members of the need to file copies of the State Ethics Commission Statements of Financial Interest. Stoudt has hard copies available for those who need them.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR SUMMER 2025 INTERNSHIP

Stoudt called attention to the proposed description for a summer 2025 internship position as presented on page 40 of the meeting agenda packet and requested approval to advertise for the position. Stoudt noted a higher than normal amount of interest in the position for the upcoming summer. Mr. Emanuel offered to assist Stoudt with researching grant opportunities to partially fund the internship position.

Motion to approve advertising for a 2025 summer intern: Chadd Roadarmel

Second: Bill Byron

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR 2025 SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSE

Stoudt requested approval to apply to the Montour County Treasurer's Office for a 2025 Small Games of Chance License to allow MARC to conduct fundraisers during the 2025 calendar year. MARC has had licenses in past years. Stoudt anticipates a \$125 - \$150 fee for the license.

Motion to approve applying for a 2025 Small Games of Chance License: Brett Johnson

Second: Chadd Roadarmel

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION: DANVILLE GRANT

Stoudt requested approval to apply for \$2,000 in grant funding from the Community Giving Foundation: Danville's 2025 grant round, open now until February 28. Stoudt will consult with Chairman Dombroski to evaluate MARC's best options, but anticipates an application in support of MARC's planned work at the Mill Park Natural Area. Grant funds would be used to offset already budgeted expenses.

Motion to approve an application for \$2,000 in grant funding from the Community Giving Foundation: Danville's 2025 grant round: Bill Byron

Second: Frank Dombroski

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

No other items for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, Chairman Dombroski adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Next meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025, at the Montour Preserve Environmental Education Center and online through Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Johns, Secretary