

## Rail 66 Country Trail

### Tenth Annual Public Membership Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. Lucinda Antler Club

1. The meeting was called to order by President Vince DiStefano.
2. **Legal Review and Discussion of By-Laws:** Al Lander noted that the election of three Directors of Rail 66 would be held at this annual meeting. Sue Patton, Ken Gilbert and Al Lander have been nominated for a three year term. Nominations from the floor were opened. No other nominations were put forward and nominations were closed. Paper ballots were distributed to the members and voting ensued. Ballots were collected.
3. **Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting:** The minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were available for the membership. Al asked for any additions or corrections. Greg Borland moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bill Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting.
4. **Review of 2022 Activities and Upcoming Events:** Vince summarized the highlights of the 2022 season and introduced Tony Linnan, coordinator for the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Time Trial Bike Race. This is the second year for the time trial bike race. This race is being sponsored by Janney Montgomery again this year. There are volunteers assisting with registration, road crossings, making mile markers for the race as well as selecting awards for those who place in the race.
5. **Financial Report:** Bill Moore presented the financial report for treasurer Sue Patton who was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Rail 66 currently has \$79,000 in checking and no outstanding bills. There are \$1.2 million in assets.
6. **Trail Updates from Vince:**
  - a. Vince stated that Greg and Kim Borland are updating the membership base. He asked those present to give Greg any new contact information.
  - b. M and B Concrete obtained the contract for completing all safety/road crossings on the trail. Their contract covers the trail from the trail head in Marianne to Kinzua Bridge.
  - c. The most recent brochure for Rail 66 was available at tonight's meeting. Vince noted the guidelines for using e-bikes is part of the brochure.
  - d. Paint Township is working on connecting the park in Marianne Estates to Rail 66.
7. **Sunday Stroll on Rail 66:** Jeff Cyphert presented Bobby Cyphert's notes regarding the Sunday Stroll. This event was started in 2021 and consists of a weekly walk, weather permitting. The walk is every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Participation is growing and a variety of starting places are scheduled. Please check the Rail 66 Facebook page or the website for weekly updates.
8. **Update on Trail Maintenance:** Greg Borland noted that volunteers are needed for tree and brush trimming along the trail. Please contact Greg if you are willing to help with this project.
9. **Comments from Sean Zeffoss, Sheriff of Clarion County:** Sean informed the membership that Sue Hahnfeldt donated a bicycle to the Sheriff's office. He stated that his officers will patrol Rail

66 in uniform when they are available. He plans to post this in local newspapers so the public is aware. A deputy from his office will also be provided for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> time trial bike race.

- 10. Extension of the Trail to Knox:** Al informed the group that extension of the trail to Knox is in progress. Al personally purchased the Bundy house and turned it over to Rail 66 for trail development. Rail 66 is working with Knox residents who are interested in connecting the trail to Rail 66. The game commission is supportive of this plan and negotiations are occurring with land owners along the trail.
- 11. Suggestions from the Membership:** Two suggestions were made this evening from those attending.
  - a. Bill Rogers suggested solar lights at the trail head in Marianne. He has seen these lights on other trails and feels they are attractive and improve safety.
  - b. Dee Frye asked if the minutes of the annual meeting be posted on the website. Kathy Linnan, secretary will work with Gayle Walters to get the minutes posted after they are approved by the board.
- 12. Election Results:** Sue Patton, Ken Gilbert and Al Lander were all re-elected for a three year term.
- 13.** Bill Moore moved to adjourn the meeting with Greg Borland providing a second. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linnan, Secretary