

Ohio River Trail Council



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OCTOBER 29, 2013

6:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED BY	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Board Meeting
FACILITATOR	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
NOTE TAKER	Mindy McKee, Secretary

Attendees: Vincent Troia, Jack Manning, Chris Rishack, Louis Chiodo, John Orndorff, Bill Sweterlitsch, Paul Rogers, Mindy McKee

Agenda topics: Welcome, Introductions, River Tire Program, Nat'l River Cleanup, ORTC River Sweep, Grant Update, Logo & Signage update, Trail Town update, Trail Phase Review, Intergovernmental Agreements, Membership renewal, license plate and raffle tickets.

DISCUSSION	Vincent Troia welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and everyone in attendance introduced himself or herself. Approved last meeting minutes
DISCUSSION	Reviewed all the grants processed and in process. Need matching funds for some of the grants that have been awarded. Critical to start the first phase.
DISCUSSION	Vince presented a power point of the project and history in the area. All enjoyed it.
DISCUSSION	We reviewed phase 1 construction in Coraopolis area. We discussed that many of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) are still needed.
DISCUSSION	Vince reviewed the Bike Rack program 5 racks each to be installed in New Brighton and Freedom next spring.

DISCUSSION	We discussed the River of The Year Award and its prestige. In addition, whether we could apply for the Ohio River and the funding and opportunity it could bring if awarded. This would allow sponsorship of many events in celebration.
DISCUSSION	We discussed whether it made sense for us to get involved with a Rain Water Recycling fundraiser project.
DISCUSSION	Vince reminded all to send letters to your senators and representatives for their support in getting funding and support for the ORTC.
DISCUSSION	We discussed the reuse of the Gear and Cheer signage and how we would go about this to allow for early use of the signs as the event is July 12, 2014. We discussed the planning issues of conflicting events, i.e. Steeler Games, and availability of the Lodge, event timing and Saturday versus Sunday issues; We also discussed the possibility of having an ORTC Beer Booth. The Firemen have agreed to allow sponsorship via the LCB allowing Beer sales and that this would be a big help in fund raising.
DISCUSSION	We discussed our plans to have the Annual Open House again to be held in May from 3-7 at the CCBC building 9 again. We discussed that advertising our Gear and Cheer at that time would help save the date. We also planned to have less food and sell more ORTC products.
DISCUSSION	The next meeting is to be Monday Nov 25, 2014 All were thanked for their participation.
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