

MRVRD Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 21, 2022: 6:30 pm

In attendance: Liza Walker, Alice Rodgers, John Stokes, Doug Bergstein, Peter Oliver, Laura Arnesen, Molly Bagnato, Mary Simmons, Shevonne Travers

Absent: Luke Foley

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes from May 17th meeting approved without changes.

- 1. Public comment, review agenda and approve draft minutes from May 17, 2022 (5 min.)
- Board Applicant Introductions (10 min.) Derek Bennett
  Only one posting on Front Porch Forum had happened so, Board determined we need to put information into the Valley Reporter about the opening before filling the spot.
- 3. Mad River Park (10 min.)
  - Fundraising update (Laura) Early successes \$17,500 in private funding. Waitsfield Telecom is encouraging us to the Foundation for Rural Services to apply for up to \$5000 funding. We need to get exact pricing on irrigation to set our fundraising goals. Suggested that Dig Safe mark obstacles (Fly Inn water supply)
  - Need to plan and budget for someone to manage the irrigation.
  - Continued discussion regarding MRV playgrounds, specifically Big Picture.
  - Summer event update (Doug) Biggest hurdle is establishing the event as an awareness-raiser as opposed to a fundraiser. Doug will call a meeting of the sub-committee.
- 4. MRV Recreation Hub (10 min.)
  - Major updates No word from the state on how re-imbursement program works. A lot of data coming together regarding parking. Many pieces moving forward. When Liza steps down we need to have a board member volunteer to jump in and back up Laura. Need to still make some updates to the web page.
  - Board discussion & questions
- 5. Looking Forward: Strategic Plan (25 min.)
  - Strategic Plan Current Status
    - Need an MOU with the Trails Collaborative for the kiosks.
    - Review of pg 28.

- Alice developing a lens that includes equity and conservation, through which we view our grant funding.
- Review of Laura's Work Plan Overview
- Next steps?
- 6. Staff Report from Laura Arnesen, Ex. Director (10 min.) Availability to help with Mad Marathon Aid Station on Sunday, July 10?
- 7. Proposed Procurement Policy (10 min.) MRVRD procurement policy will make it easier for our VOREC partners to get reimbursed. Some collective editing to the document took place. Document was approved and voted in as our official policy.
- 8. Other Business

Upcoming Meetings/Events: Sunday, July 10, Rec District Aid Station for Mad Marathon Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm next MRVRD Board Meeting via Zoom

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