



Monthly Membership Meeting

February 17, 2024

<<Clarion Eagles>>

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Attendance: 39

1. Officer Reports

a. President

- i. Thank you all for attending.
- ii. We received feasibility study and appraisal.
- iii. We received a letter of support from Armstrong County.
- iv. Tomorrow there is a fundraiser for member Sam I Am at Woody's from 6-10 PM. There will be a Chinese auction basket raffle.

b. Vice President

- i. After 4 years we finally received feasibility study.
- ii. We are having ongoing grant meetings.
- iii. We need to meet with Terry Rapp and draw up a sales agreement to purchase the railbed. We need this to be able to finalize grant applications.
- iv. We are meeting with John Burkle from the DCNR next Thursday.
- v. We are looking at applying for Anthracite program grants. This is free money \$0.00 match needed.
- vi. Received a call from the Elk County Riders. They were gifted fire roads, no access roads, no maintenance roads, connector roads, etc. They had a study done and their findings was they brought in ~ \$8,000,000.00 into the community. They are looking for more connections possibly us, Oil city, Kane etc.

c. Treasurer

- i. January NET income \$4,662.91.
- ii. Total in account \$49,950.11
- iii. We had a record sale at our January meeting for \$2,752.40 from Apparel, 50/50 and stickers.

d. Committee

i. Maintenance

1. Dave Safranoss has been out working on the trail.
2. Please we can't stress enough to turn in any time, people and equipment used to work on the trail.
3. March we have 2 maintenance days coming up.

ii. Newsletter

1. N/A
- iii. Special Events
 1. Memorial ride for John Marsh May 14th. Watch our members only FB page for details.
- iv. Fundraising
 1. Gun Raffle tickets are now available tonight \$10.00 EA.
 2. Books are ready to go out if you can help sell tickets, please contact Deb Clinger.
 3. April 18th meeting will be the drawing.
- v. Sponsorship
 1. We are getting Sponsorship renewals coming in.
- vi. Membership
 1. So far in 2024 we have 361 family memberships coming in.
 2. We are mailing out new member packets ~ 50 at a time.
 3. We are mailing out new member applications to the non-renewed members form 2023.
- vii. Social Media
 1. Dixie has been posting lots of memes and notices to the FB page. There has been lots of good responses to her postings.
 2. We will be upgrading our website soon as we have out grown the capacity of our current website. Adding the sale of our merchandise to the website has overwhelmed it. Once we go to switch over there will be a blackout period. We will announce well in advance before the switch / go live.
- viii. Merchandise
 1. Merchandise available at the meeting tonight. You can also order from our website and have the items shipped to you.
2. Old Business
 - a. N/A
3. New Business
 - a. There will be an e-mail going out asking for donations in exchange for extended memberships.
 - b. The only grants we can apply for at this time are for acquisition of the rail bed. Once we own the rail bed or a portion of the railbed will open up for us to be able to apply for lots of other grants (trail maintenance, equipment, bridge repairs / replacements and so on)
 - c. 50/50 winner Kenny Shaffer. \$73.00 total. Kenny donated his winning half back to the club.
4. Motion to Adjourn 7:51 PM