

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

The meeting was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at Joan Sank's house.

Present: Trish, Joan, Lynn, Mary, Jen F., Jen E., Steven, Di, Cindy, Gael, Phil, Audrey, and guest Ellen Cronan, representing the South Branch Watershed Association.

The meeting of the AVTA Board was called to order by the president, Trish, at 8:10 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jen E. gave the Treasurer's report

The question was asked if we have too much money in our account to remain a non-profit organization, but Jen E. answered that that is not the case at this time, and that if it becomes a problem, we can donate money from AVTA to the Scholarship account.

Jen E. also reported that she has paid out the two scholarships.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Phil, seconded by Mary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gael had received a letter from Joel Moore, the owner of the Ridge Golf Course, stating that on June 28, while he was playing golf, two female riders in the quiet zone were purposely noisy and disrespectful, being rude to the golfers on the course.

Gael has answered the letter, apologizing for the rude behavior of the riders, and has Joel's permission to post his letter on the website so as to make other members of AVTA aware of the incident. A notice will appear in the newsletter as well, and will also be posted in all of the boarding barns and sent by email to all members. We must remember that we are non-paying guests on the trail and must be respectful of others who own and use the land we are permitted to use.

2. Gael had received a letter from Larry Zembrowski, who is on the Board of the gun club which hunts the "air park" property. He and three other members of the former club would like to set up communications with AVTA through Trish and Gael, and with Steven as the liaison with the Hunt. Hopefully, the negotiations that will take place will lead to our gaining back our riding privileges on the trails at the "air park." If we are granted riding privileges there, it will be important that riders are respectful of the gun club's rules and schedules, since, once again, we will be non-paying guests on land used by hunters who pay fees to use the land.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AVTA summer picnic - August 16, 4 pm for the Board meeting, and 5 - 8 pm for the picnic. Phil will send out post cards announcing the picnic to all members. Gael and Gail will work together on planning the picnic.

2. Hunter Pace - October 5, 2008. Jen F. will work with Di and Audrey to learn how to manage the hunter pace, as she will be in charge of it, along with Audrey, next year in Di's absence.

3. Location of Winter Doldrums Party - Joan spoke with Janice Jacobs of the firehouse ladies' auxiliary, who said that the firehouse will provide a good dinner for approximately the same cost as Hillbilly Hall. The date is set for March 7, 2008, and the party will be known as "March Madness" instead of Winter Doldrums from now on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Murrin will take on the role of Trail Trimming Coordinator. Her phone number, 609-895-1040, will be on the website so that people can call her to sign up for clearing dates.

Trail clearing dates will be on: Saturday, Aug. 9, Sunday, Aug. 10, Tuesday, Aug. 12, Wednesday, Aug. 13, Saturday, Aug. 16, Sunday, Aug. 17. An email will go out urging all members to sign up for one or more of these dates, and an article in the newsletter will do the same.

The meeting was adjourned.