

MINUTES

DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

April 1, 2014

The meeting of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Tennessee Development District Office, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Board Members Present:

Richard Strang
Gabby Lynch
Frank Arnold
Jerry Grindstaff
Brock Hill
Lawrence Keeble
Terry Maughon
Roby Phillippi
Ray Stout

The meeting was called to order by Richard Strang at 1:00 p.m.

B. Hill motioned to approve the March 4th minutes. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Anthony Duncan from IMBA/SORBA addressed the Board. SORBA's Bell Built grant application for funding to construct a "flow trail" at Doe Mountain was selected as one of 12 national finalists. There are four competitors from the Eastern U.S., including Doe. Votes will be cast on-line by the public, and the voting opens May 5 through May 18th. Duncan requested a declaration from the Board that if awarded, IMBA/SORBA would be able to proceed with trail construction. G. Lynch asked if the Board could make such a resolution at the May 6th DMRA Board meeting, due to a number of Board member absences today, including Chairman Potter and Roads & Trails Committee Chair Mike Farmer.

Financial Report

G. Lynch presented the DMRA financials through March 31, 2014. The DMRA's cash position at month-end was \$33,393.14. Revenue from user pass sales totaled \$23,148.75 through the reporting period, and expenses totaled \$2,190.49. F. Arnold motioned to approve the financial report. R. Stout seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items*Individual Committee Reports.*

- a. Administration: R. Strang presented. Although the committee did not meet this past month, the committee has been working on a FY14-15 budget. Board Committees have requested just over \$20,000 total, with three committees (Marketing/Outreach, Roads & Trails, and Adventure Tourism/Business Development) not reporting numbers yet. Eight hundred user passes have been sold since the Soft Opening in November. Polaris

has awarded the DMRA a \$10,000 grant. Chairman Potter's absence at today's Board meeting is due to the fact that the Senate Government Operations Committee at the Tennessee Legislature is voting this week on extending the DMRA for two more years. The Administration Committee's efforts to gain insurance coverage in the State's claims commission are proceeding well; we should know by the May 6th Board meeting whether or not the DMRA will be covered beginning July 1, 2014.

- b. Adventure Tourism / Business Development: No report at this time. L. Keeble noted that he and Chairman Potter decided not to pursue the Adventure Tourism application that is open. Applications may be submitted on an annual basis, however.
- c. Marketing & Outreach: F. Arnold presented. There was no committee meeting this past month, however, there are monies available from the county's economic and community development program to develop a brochure or rack card about Doe Mountain. Also, the Committee hopes that user passes may be sold off the website soon.
- d. Roads & Trails / User Groups: Committee Chair not present. B. Hill motioned that the Board endorse SORBA's Bell Built grant project, and, if funded, the DMRA will approve the use of the grant funds for the purposes expressed in the grant application. F. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. B. Richards asked for the floor to discuss the RTP grant and distributed a table showing the RTP grant milestones and required activities and due dates to implement the grant. Richards also distributed and reviewed a revised RTP budget table. The Board must approve the revised scope of work and budget before TDEC/RES can receive the federal grant money and apply it towards Doe Mountain. L. Keeble motioned to approve the scope of work and budget. J. Grindstaff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. R. Strang noted B. Richards' significant help with the DMRA's RTP grant and thanked him for the extra work.
- e. Hunting/Shooting Sports: No report at this time.
- f. Natural Resources: No report at this time.
- g. Master Planning: G. Lynch reported. A second draft of the Master Plan is now available; a few hard copies were distributed. L. Keeble asked that the individual Board members be acknowledged on the first page. Discussion ensued about different user groups gaining access to the draft prior to the public release in May. Board members generally felt that that would be fine, as long as committee chairs used their discretion.

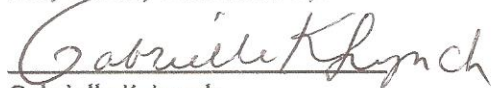
Other Business

The next DMRA Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 1:00 pm at a location to be determined.

Adjournment

G. Lynch motioned to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. F. Arnold seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Gabrielle K. Lynch
Secretary/Treasurer