

**Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Inc.**  
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**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of February 20, 2004**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Eugene Mallia, Chairperson  
Robert Koski, Vice-Chairperson  
James Marleau, Treasurer  
Shirley Clancy  
Pauline Blanka  
Ed Brakefield (10:00 A.M.)

**Absent:** Renee Donovan  
Mark Slown  
Kallie Roesner  
Gerald Dywasuk

**Also Present:** Amy Murray, Trail Manager  
Larry Rumley  
Peggy Johnson  
Pat Paad

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairperson Mallia called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Paad called the roll.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Koski moved, Marleau seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Trail Grooming as New Business (e) and the addition of Bridge Update under Old Business (d). All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Koski moved, Marleau seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from the January 16, 2004 meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Larry Rumley, with the Friends of the Polly Ann Trail in Lapeer stated that Imlay City registration for the 5K race was being held at the City Hall between 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. He stated that last year they donated money for the trail. Chairperson Mallia suggests putting that information in the News Letter.

There was discussion on ways to get the volunteers for maintenance, Mallia suggests putting their name in the P.C. at the Court House Probation Department, so when people need to do their community service, they can refer them. He stated he would be happy to reroute names to Lapeer Co.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Marleau went over the balance sheet. Treasurer Marleau stated there was additional bills that needed to be added on which he received from Amy, making the total for approval, \$1,012.14. Clancy moved, Koski seconded to approve the bill run as presented. **Motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.**

### **Trail Managers Report:**

Murray stated she turned in a landscape plan to the Village of Oxford Building Department. She spoke of the Stakeholders, Oakland County Trail Advisory Council, connecting the trails as being a long term goal; she explained to Council the total amounts of new trails and bringing in multi agencies to work together to make the trail system work. A. Murray stated that Press conference ignited enthusiasm from what she has heard. She stated she was glad the press conference was held and felt it was a positive thing. The Detroit Free Press stated they would to cover the Count Steps Program.

Brakefield stated he feels strongly that the Board Members were not well informed. He stated as Board Members they should have been made aware of what was to be discussed before the press conference. He was unable to answer questions after the meeting. He requests that if there are any other meetings, Board Members be given a brief overlay in advance. He also requested A. Murray provide the Council Members with an expanded written Managers Report. He stated that the Council needs to understand the work on the trail and would like to know what grants have been applied for or received.

Murray provided a facts sheet and a conference outline to Council several days in advance of the press conference, which was organized at the request of council members present during the January PATMC meeting.

Marleau suggested a back log of grants so Council knows where we are at.

Murray stated the web site was being maintained through the library and a new domain [www.pollyantrailway.com](http://www.pollyantrailway.com) has been purchased for \$7.00 a year. The people at the library will help A. Murray with the Front Page software to manage the site contents.

Clancy asked about the newsletter and if it will be started back up. A. Murray stated she suspended the newsletter when Council issued a spending stop due to the development budget shortfall. She was hoping to resume when an announcement about development was ready, but asks Council about downsizing the news letter. Instead of a glossy go to regular paper to save money and if Council would like to wait or move forward.

Marleau asked if it would be inappropriate to send out post cards asking the people on the mailing lists if they would rather get the information from the web site to reduce costs. Council stated they would wait on the news letter until the web site is completed. Council stated that it should be noted that information is available on our web site; you may obtain hardcopies at Twp. Offices. Also to be included in the news letter Ed Brakefield's letter from last spring and Lapeer's information.

**Five Year Adoption Plan:**

Koski moved, Brakefield seconded to adopt the five year plan as amended with the understanding that from time to time will be reviewed within the five years. **Motion unanimously approved on a roll call vote.**

**Bylaws amendments:**

Koski moved, Marleau seconded to adopt the Bylaws as amended. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes, 5, Nays, 1. Motion carried.**

**Bridge Update:**

Murray stated that there wasn't anything new to report. Clancy suggests that if L. Obrecht is waiting for something to get this moving forward, he should make phone calls to find out what the hold up is. Clancy also asks A. Murray to get a copy of the landscape plan from J. Elsarelli.

**Policy on Development Along Polly Ann Trail:**

Marleau moved, Koski seconded to table this until the next meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**OAYA Barn:**

The Youth Assistance group wants to move the old barn from Burdick to the Scriptor Park and A. Murray suggests that the Polly Ann Trail get involved with this project since it will be linked to the trails and feels it is a worth while project and would be a great promotion for the trails. The benefit would be helping another community. Council agrees to help with this and suggests a fund raiser to help with the costs.

**2004 Events Schedule:**

Brakefield stated that the date for the Pony Express has changed to Fathers Day, June 20, 2004. Council discussed promotions for the Strawberry Festival, activities and different events to get the people directed from town to the Polly Ann Trail.

Koski moved, Clancy seconded to approve the 2004 Event Schedule as amended, with the Pony Express date moving to June 20, 2004. All ayes, motion carried.

**Trail Improvements/Spending:**

Murray asked the Council for approval to spend \$1000.00 for fencing and \$500.00 for T-Shirts for this year. She stated she would bring in receipts. Treasurer Marleau explained he wasn't sure about the funding being available. Koski stated he had some fencing available that could be used as a temporary fix until funding could be provided. Brakefield moved, Koski seconded to budget \$500.00 out of operating for advertising and t-shirts, with the understanding sponsors will try to be obtained. **Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Trail Grooming:**

Chairperson Mallia stated that he had some complaints about there being a problem with the snow being too deep. He explained that cross country skiers and walkers were having a hard time. He asked about snow groomers. Treasurer Marleau stated that once you maintain the trail it is your responsibility and liability. It is a natural trail and it should be left that way.

**Council Members Remarks:**

Frank Cobb made comments on the Michiganders. He suggested directing them down the Polly Ann Trail again when the trails are done and that he felt the mountain bike race will be a great success.

Amy Murray speaks of the 'ride and tie' activity, she explains that is running and riding.

Brakefield told the Council that the Strawberry Festival dinner is February 24, 2004. He also stated that Cathy Brakefield is a staff writer for the Michigan Traveler Magazine. He stated that if advertisement is needed Cathy would be able to do an article.

**Adjourn:**

Koski moved, Brakefield seconded to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.