

ONRA MINUTES
Bi-monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Board Members' Rolling Retreat

I. Roll Call and Introductions

President Cyndie Gerken called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. as our 'Rolling Retreat' tour of the eastern portion of the National Road got underway. The following Board members participated in the meeting: **Marian Vance, Ed Wagstaff, Elizabeth Reeb, Larry Bicking, Cyndie Gerken, Ed Kemper, Paul Seibel, David Wesler, Doug Smith, Lynn Kartavich, Greg Zelenitz, Bill Hart, and Denna Johnson.** Staff members **Zach Balassone, Glen Massie, and Thea Walsh** were in attendance. Guests included: **Linda Wagstaff, Phyllis Seibel, Alma Kemper, Jeff Carskadden, Susan Fryer, Debbie Robinson, Doc Householder, Charla Devine, Larry Vance, and Jeana Paglialunga.**

II. Minutes from the January 30, 2009 E-Meeting

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Paul Seibel. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lynn Kartavich passed out a Treasurer's Report. It reflected an unencumbered balance of \$10,746.14. Elizabeth Reeb made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Doug Smith. Motion carried.

IV. Coordinator's Report

- a. Our new Byway Coordinator, Glen Massie was introduced.
- b. Ohio Magazine: Zach Balassone reported we had 49 requests for the *Traveler's Guide* thus far in response to the March 2009 Ohio Magazine ad.
- c. Signage Update: Having met our required matching fund goal, we are awaiting word from ODOT regarding the process by which we will proceed into the implementation phase. Signs will hopefully start going up this summer.
- d. Interpretive Panels: Contact Glen Massie if you would like to schedule the panels.
- e. Newsletter: Spring 2009 issue has been mailed. Extra copies are available.
- f. Stimulus Funding Application: There is no new news on our stimulus package request.
- g. Ohio Valley Foundation: We have applied for a \$6,000 grant for marketing.
- h. ONRA Coordinator Services billing: Our current bill from TCC is \$783.65. ODOT's share is \$3,134.60. Motion to approve payment to TCC was made by Paul Seibel, and seconded by Ed Wagstaff. Motion carried.

V. Committee Reports

- a. *Traveler's Guide* Update: Doug Smith reported that the update is "largely finished". Four pages will be added, but we need additional photos. Locations of the interpretive signs will be included in the updated *Guide*.
- b. Committee membership: Doug Smith commented that we need to start preparing members to assume officers' positions in the future. He asked all Board members to consider working on a committee and becoming committee chairs whenever possible. We will re-evaluate our committee structure and will call for volunteers to serve on them at the May 19th Board meeting.

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VI. Board Membership and Appointments

Greg Zelenitz contacted President Cyndie to request that he be moved from the Belmont Co. seat to ex officio status. Jeana Paglialunga from St. Clairsville was introduced as a small business owner who is interested in serving on the ONRA Board, representing Belmont County. Motion was made by Larry Bicking to approve both actions and was seconded by Paul Seibel. Motion carried.

VII. County Happenings and Other Announcements

President Cyndie thanked Lynn Kartavich for her work in organizing the trip today. She also thanked Zach, Glen and Thea for their role in setting up the trip, and Doug Smith for serving as our tour guide.

VIII. Adjournment

The next Board meeting will be held on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. at ODOT. A motion for adjournment was made at 8:09 a.m. by Ed Wagstaff, and seconded by Dave Wesler. Motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Ed Kemper, Secretary