

Rocky Springs Carousel Association Board Minutes

June 17th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Historic Rock Ford, Lancaster, PA

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Julie Brady, Secretary. The following Board members were present: Tracy Artus, President (virtual), Jacob Glensor, Ray Bradley, Richard Kahn, Matthew McCall, and Brad Boyd (virtual). Guests – Dick Harkcom, Carol Wanner, Mike Berk, Leroy Stanley, Toby Cathey, and Eileen Gregg (virtual).
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Ray Bradley and seconded by Jacob Glensor to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2025. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Financial Reports** - Jacob Glensor emailed the 990, P&L for May and Balance Sheet through 6/15/25 to the board for review. Motion to approve report by Rick Kahn, seconded by Ray Bradley. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **President's Report** - Tracy Artus – Looking towards next year and RSCA's participation in the NCA Convention, I am meeting with several downtown business owners/property management owners in the hopes of obtaining space, so that we can set up museum style for the public to be able to view our animals and historic items. Goal would be to obtain no less than 1500-2000 SF and have it fully set up and ready to open by third quarter of 2026.

Robin Sarrett, President of LanchHistory.org, is willing to offer assistance to us if we are able to obtain a new space for museum set up. Also offered to have an animal on display at their museum.

We have met with several professionals in the industry over the last 2-3 months and all have stated that our carousel can be set up 'as is' without having to spend a million dollars in renovation. There may be some associated costs with parts that may need replaced, but overall the carousel could be set up within a matter of months if we have a location. Renovations can be done as we have funding once the carousel is up and functional so that the costs can be distributed over the months and year that follow set up.

I met with another possible partner last week. Unfortunately, once they had a day to think things over they decided at this time they are not interested in hosting the carousel. At this time they want to remain anonymous.

I have not heard anything more from any other partner who has previously expressed interest.

I sent an email to Nina Geraci, Lombardi Capital and to date have not heard back. RE: the loan they extended to RSCA.

We need to begin fundraising ASAP to fulfill our 2025 operating budget. Costs will also increase for 2026 and we will incur some marketing costs as we look to fundraise.

I looked into 'painted ponies' to see what costs would be associated if this is a chosen fundraiser. The approximate cost per horse including shipping is \$2000. More can be discussed within the committee.

I will be meeting with Beth Sauder, CPA at RKL (gratis) to discuss how we currently do business and see if any changes need to be made to ensure we are following all guidelines for non profit status.

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5. **Communications Report** - Matthew McCall – No report.
6. **Fundraising Report** - Dustin Knarr emailed his resignation as chair of this committee. Tracy Artus volunteered to chair, additional volunteers for committee: Matthew McCall, Julie Brady, Ray Bradley, Mike Berk, and Dick Harkcom
7. **Restoration Report** - Ray Bradley – No report.
8. **Volunteers Report** - Carol Wanner – Will re-organize supplies and promo items in storage over the summer.
9. **Old Business** – Still awaiting written responses from parties that previously expressed interest.
10. **New Business** – Dick Harkcom has enlisted a welder to deal with the broken landing gear on one of the storage trailers and will oversee work on site.
11. **Public Comment** – The following public comment was provided at the meeting:
Dick Harkcom – Asked if we could look into getting a puzzle printed as a fundraising idea.
12. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting for the Board of Directors will be on **Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Historic Rock Ford**. NO JULY BOARD MEETING per BOD decision.
13. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.