

**Rocky Springs Carousel Association**  
**Board Minutes for October 15, 2024 – 6:30 pm**  
**Lancaster County Association of REALTORS, Lancaster, PA**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Tracy Artus, President. The following Board members were present: Brad Boyd, Ray Bradley, Julie Brady (Zoom), Jacob Glensor, Steve Hohenwarter, Richard Kahn, Dustin Knarr (Zoom), Matthew McCall, Derek Shaw, and Kevin Turner. Also present: Mike Berk, Manager; Guests – In person: Eileen Gregg, April Koppenhaver, Brent Peiffer, Jim Stauffer, and Carol Wanner. Guests – Via Zoom: John Friel, Jeri Weaver, and James Schulman.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Derek Shaw and seconded by Ray Bradley to approve the minutes of September 17, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Financial Reports**
  - a. **Financial Reports** – Steve Hohenwarter presented the financial as of October 11, 2024. Steve also mentioned financial needs for next year. Motion by Rick Kahn and seconded by Kevin Turner to approve the financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Reports**
  - a. **President’s Report** (Tracy Artus) – The President’s Report included the following:
    - Recap of the article that appeared on LNP.
    - Email sent to Bob Krasne to arrange for the pick up of the dog from his office.
    - Request for meeting with Strasburg Rail Road president and Steve Risk.
  - b. **Communications Report** (Mattew McCall) – The immediate focus for the Communications and Marketing Committee is the upcoming Extra Give.
  - c. **Finance** (Steve Hohenwarter) – No report.
  - d. **Fundraising** (Dustin Knarr) – No report.
  - e. **Restoration** (Ray Bradley) – No report.
  - f. **Volunteers** (Carol Wanner) – Waiting to determine needs for Extra Give.
  - g. **Bylaws** (Julie Brady) – The Bylaws Task Force met and made great progress on the revisions to the bylaws. Members of the task force will be surveyed to determine the next meeting date.
  - h. **Manager Report** (Mike Berk) – Mike Berk reported that he is working on items for Extra Give and supporting committees as needed.

## 5. **Old Business**

- a. **Extra Give** – The Extra Give Task Force held its initial meeting and will meet next on October 22. We have secured a location at the Ware Center for Extra Give Jr. This will enable us to provide a fun activity for kids so they can get to know more about the carousel. One of the carousel animals will be on display along with information about the association. More details will be forthcoming after the next task force meeting.

## 6. **New Business**

- a. **WGAL Inquiry** – We were approached for a follow up report on what is happening with the carousel. It was suggested that we can have an initial interview as an opportunity to highlight our participation in Extra Give. We could then provide an additional interview when we have more concrete information about a location for the carousel.
- b. **Site Comparisons** – The Board reviewed a side-by-side comparison of the sites that have expressed interest in hosting the carousel. Jim Stauffer from Barnyard Kingdom was present at the meeting and discussed his venue and continued interest. Tracy Artus will be reaching out to Mr. Stauffer for further discussion.
- c. **Template Agreement** – The association has been collecting information that could be used once we have identified a partner and venue for the carousel. A task force is being formed to finalize the template. Board members interested in serving were asked to contact Tracy Artus.

## 7. **Public Comment** – The following public comment was provided at the meeting:

- a. **Jeri Weaver** – Discussed another possible location in Strasburg. This would be a stand-alone location with no other entertainment or attractions. Mike Berk will follow up.
- b. **Eileen Gregg** – Commented on the prospectus and spoke against relocating the carousel outside of Lancaster County.

## 8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

## 9. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.