

Rocky Springs Carousel Association
Board Minutes for May 21, 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: Ray Bradley, Julie Brady (via Zoom), Jacob Glensor, Rick Kahn, B. Derek Shaw (via Zoom), and Kevin Turner. Also present: Staff – Mike Berk, Manager; Guests – John Friel, Dick Harkcom, Rory Lehman, Carol Wanner, and Amanda Wilkinson.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Kevin Turner and seconded by Ray Bradley to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - a. **Financial Reports** – No financial reports were reviewed at this meeting.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **President’s Report** – Tracy Artus provided an update on efforts to secure a time for Knoebel’s staff to provide an assessment on the carousel in order to determine restoration needs and cost. Tracy also discussed the need to work on the development of a business plan.
 - b. **Communications Report** (Mike Berk) – Mike Berk presented the update on behalf of Matthew McCall. The Communications and Marketing Committee now consists of five volunteers. He will be setting up monthly meetings which will be scheduled between the Board meeting and the release of the monthly newsletter (which will occur on the fifth of every month.) Matthew also suggested that business plan be established. He also asked for feedback and suggestions from the board on content for future newsletters.
 - c. **Finance** (Steve Hohenwarter) – No report.
 - d. **Fundraising** (Dustin Knarr) – Kevin Turner also emphasized the need for a business plan as well as a document with updates on the efforts now underway by the RSCA. Both of these documents would be helpful for potential donors.
 - e. **Restoration** (Ray Bradley) – Ray Bradley will cover Restoration Committee items when the Board discussed Old Business.
 - f. **Volunteers** (Carol Wanner) – No report.
 - g. **Manager Report** (Mike Berk) – Mike Berk reported on a phone call with Steve Risk. Mike updated Steve on our efforts to schedule a time for Knoebels staff to see the carousel and provide an assessment. Mike also asked Steve for assistance on securing warehouse space for the carousel parts now stored in the trailers.

5. **Old Business**

- a. **Band Organ** – Interest was expressed by both Knoebels and Hersheypark to store the band organ. The Restoration Committee is following up.
- b. **Carousel Visits** – Mike Berk continues to work with Joe Filoromo on scheduling visits to nearby carousels.
- c. **Trailers** – There will be a need to reduce the number of trailers from three to two while also finding a new secure location for the trailers. A new lead is being forwarded to Jacob Glensor who is leading the effort to identify possible locations.
- d. **Bylaws Review** (Julie Brady) – Julie reported that she and Kevin will be meeting during the summer to discuss possible revisions.

6. **New Business** – None

7. **Public Comment**

- a. Rory Lehman would like to assist in our restoration efforts. He also mentioned that he has a contact for an experienced band organ restorer. Mike Berk will connect Rory and Ray Bradley so they can discuss further.
- b. Derek Shaw reemphasized the need to find a new location for the trailers.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

9. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.