

Rocky Springs Carousel Association
Board Minutes for August 8, 2023
Lancaster Arts Hotel, Lancaster, PA

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mick Kauffman, President. The following Board members were present: Tracy Artus, Gail Groves Scott, Stephen Hohenwarter, Alana Maubury Hunter, B. Derek Shaw, and Noreene Sweeney. Also present: Mike Berk, Association Manager.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Steve Hohenwarter and second by Derek Smith to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, Board meeting with a correction made to Derek Shaw’s name. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Financial Reports** - Steve Hohenwarter reviewed the financial report dated August 4, 2023. Motion made by Alana Hunter and seconded by Tracy Artus to approve the financial report. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **RSCA Budget** – Earlier this year, the Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 but did not formally approve the budget at that time. Motion made by Alana Hunter and seconded by Noreene Sweeney to approve the 2023 budget. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **Annual Financial Review** – The association will be contacting firms to obtain quotes to conduct the annual financial review.
6. **President’s Report** - Mick provided an update on the prospective partner the association’s team met with in July. There are several due diligence steps which need to be conducted before a formal announcement can be made. Therefore, we need to reset our expectations when it comes to our timeline for the project.
7. **Manager’s Report** – Mike Berk provided a written report to the Board. In addition, he provided an update on the potential storage sites for the items in the trailers, insurances, and the band organ appraisal. Mike has also reached out to potential restoration experts for the band organ.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Review of Meeting with Prospective Partner** – On July 14, a team consisting of Mick Kauffman, Tracy Artus and Andy Olenik met with representatives from the prospective partner to discuss expectations and develop a plan for moving forward. The priorities identified from that meeting include: (1) Finding a location where the contents of the trailers can be unloaded and inventoried. (2) Obtaining a professional assessment of the condition of the trailer contents. (3) Development of a brief public statement.
 - b. **Review of Public Statement** – The Board reviewed and provided suggested changes to the statement. These revisions will be made, and the statement posted on RSCA social media and website.

- c. **Review of Comments from Dr. Shulman** – The Board reviewed comments received from Dr. Jim Shulman regarding the eventual placement of the carousel. Dr. Shulman is a resident of Massachusetts who attempted to fund an effort to create an entire hand carved carousel in Berkshire Massachusetts.
- d. **Online Store** - Mike Berk will be working with Carol Wanner on the creation of an online store. More details to follow.

9. Items from the Floor

- a. **Displays** – A recommendation was made to move forward with the construction of displays for the animals. Tracy, Mike, and Andy will be leading this project which will include developing a fundraising strategy for displaying the animals in public.

10. Next Meeting – The next meeting for the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Lancaster Arts Hotel.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.