



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
The Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

Meeting opened at 6:35 P.M. by Matt Atnip

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Don Schulte, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Rick Wolfram, Kathie Brennan, Calvin Brennan, Mark Goforth, Todd Horn

Welcome to Visitors

- Dave McCoy and Steve Liescheidt

Education (Chair Kristen Schulte)

- Kristen has resigned as the Committee Chair due to work conflicts and Dave Tobey will be taking over
- Looking at having a presentation at REI. Ken Kurtz is working with REI to set a date in August for this.
- Also working on a Leave No Trace session at the Mega

Outreach (Chair: Ken Kurtz)

- PDS Host Committee planning meeting will be on July 16th and Ken will be able taking part on conference call
- Recent Activities
 - Arcadia Valley Chamber meeting was held on June 24th and the discussion was centered on trail towns and their wish to expanded trails in the area. One result of this is there will be a trail town seminar in the fall.
 - Sierra Club had a presentation on July 11 about the Round Spring section and their plan to work on the trail. We should see the club at the Mega
- Future Activities
 - There will be a meeting on August 15 at 6:00 PM at Current River State park that will be a public meeting on the park and there will be OTA representation.
 - OTA will be attending the State Fair on Saturday, August 22nd
 - Will also have a table at the Pacific Bluegrass Bash on August 29th
- Trail Town Seminars are being planned for Pacific and Ironton
- OT Workshop is being worked on for Powder Valley
- Job Descriptions were out for comments and they are pretty much ready to go online with the web site. Ken will send out the document again for another quick review and then the next step is to work out a plan on how to spread the word about the needs.
- Suggestion was made to combine the Education and Outreach committees, more to come
- Contact has been made with several of the Boy Scout districts about presenting and providing more information on the trail. Also need to formalize and document the Eagle Scout project process.
- Would like to look at some kind of future events development

Construction and Maintenance (Chair: Rick Wolfram)

- Summer Mowing Program
 - Volunteer outings – Need to get some scheduled
 - Mowing Update
 - 100 miles completed with seasonal, AAT, and volunteers
 - We had an AmeriCorps crew from the Forest Service for 9 days
- Fall Mega – 111 signed up!

- Exact worksite yet to be determined – Scouting trip to be done on July 16th.
- Sawyer Certifications
 - Training date has been set for November 7 & 8

Planning (Chair: Steve Coates)

- Current River Trail
 - EA not complete. Archeology part to be done in August. Entire process may take until December.
- Pacific River Walk – Bend Bridge Discussion
 - Next steps and strategy – promo video, discussions with preservation groups ongoing.

Finance (Chair: Roger Allison)

- New Treasurer is Edward Wilson
- OT100MTB Status Report
 - Roger handed out a Support Plan that was reviewed and it was reviewed, need to start filling in the blanks
- OTA Cycling jersey on sale
 - Sold 24 and OTA will net \$600
- Membership/Donation
 - Possibility of holding a membership focused raffle
- Al-Pint Night and Patagonia Grant – Check has been received from the Alpine Shop
- RTP Grants
 - 2015: No word yet, should here in August
 - 2014: We have completed the two miles promised in the grant. Invoice almost finished.
 - 2012: \$13k invoice. Checking is expect at anytime
 - 2011: Grant will be rolled into a 2015 grant.

Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine – content identified, final pieces coming together
- Men's Journal Article – Best Fall hikes will feature the Taum Sauk
- An article is scheduled to appear in the American Airlines American Way magazine this fall
- New DNR OT brochure is being worked on that the OTA provided a lot of the text for it.

Operations

- None

Open Discussion

- Don Schulte will be attending the Arkansas Trail Symposium and will share what he learns
- Rick Wolfram brought up the condition of the hard hats and we have a lot that need to be replaced

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next Staff Meeting: August 11, 2015 @ Powder Valley

Next Board Meeting: August 1st and 2nd, 2015 @ Current River State Park

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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