



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
The Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

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

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Don Schulte, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Rick Wolfram, Jim Davis, Steve Coates, Edward Wilson, Iris Wilson, Rowan Wilson

Welcome to Visitors

- Gwen Rogers

Education (Chair: Kristen Schulte)

- No report

Outreach (Chair: Ken Kurtz)

- Team will be at the Arcadia Valley Chamber meeting in June 24, 2015
- Team will be at the Missouri State Fair on Saturday August 22nd
- Trail Town Workshops
- Ken has created a couple possible agendas for a Trail Town Workshop and an OT Seminar that would address the trail to different audiences. Looking at getting some of these set up in Pacific and Van Buren and doing 2 or 3 a year.
- Status on Job Descriptions. No negative feedback from the document that was sent out a couple of months ago, getting close to posting on the web site.
- We will have a table available for the Pacific River Walk Bluegrass Bash – August 29, 2015
- Sierra Club presentation has asked for Round Spring section / Current River trail maybe July 11th, more to come.
- Ken worked with a Scout troop at NTD and will be providing Ken more contact info especially on the monthly district Roundtable meetings.
- Had some discussions on hosting promotional Bike/Hike/Ride events. Maybe do this quarterly and it could be a fund raiser type thing. This will be explored more.

Construction and Maintenance (Chair: To be determined)

- Committee Organization
 - Rick Wolfram is interested in running the committee and will work with Kathie Brennan on getting things rolling
- East Berryman work
 - Opened both re-routes back on 5-23!
 - The remaining 2 miles are awaiting RTP approval which may happen in August.
- National Trails Day at Current River State Park
 - 0.25 miles built. 0.35 benched with Ditch Witch
 - 63 attendees
- Summer Mowing Program
 - Volunteer outings - Get some scheduled, Rick will look at this
 - Mowing Update
 - Trace Creek has been completed.
 - Harmon mowed along with power line cuts to the west toward Bass'.
 - Matt and Mark mowed parts of Blair on NTD

- Fall Mega – 51 signed up!
 - Exact worksite yet to be determined
 - Connie Weber is checking into a local band for Saturday night
 - Will probably need traffic guides for this one, task works needs to start soon
- Sawyer Certifications
 - Meeting with Jonathan is scheduled for 6-12-15
 - GORC has some people who would like to be trained

Planning (Chair: Steve Coates)

- Current River Trail
 - EA not complete. Does not appear NPS will make 7-1-15 goal as a 30 day comment period is needed after the reports are submitted.
- Pacific River Walk – Bend Bridge Discussion
 - The Board passed a resolution to support this activity, see the April 18th, 2015 Special Board meeting for the resolution
 - Next steps and strategy – promo video, discussions with preservation groups ongoing.
- Arcadia Valley – talk is scheduled as discussed under the Outreach committee

Finance (Chair: Roger Allison)

- Fundraising
 - We received a REI Grant of \$15,000 which is \$5000 more than we expected. The grant is to support the Current River Project and other support for the OTA.
 - OT100MTB Status Report
 - Event budget, expenses and vendors, projected revenues
 - Registrations to date – 100 registered with 69 for the full 100 miles
 - Status of a To-do list for support of the race, i.e. things OTA volunteers need to do before and during the race.
 - Canoe Raffle – Raised \$1,850! Ryan Hanlon was the winner.
 - OTA Cycling jersey on sale
 - Sold 24
 - OTA will net \$600
 - Café Press on-line store – this is a site that will allow on demand OTA gear ordering, more to come
- Membership/Donation
 - Need to work more on reaching out to event attendees to become members
- Membership focused raffle
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Roger wants to see a fundraising committee put together that will look at ways to do specific fundraising and membership only type raffles
- Al-Pint Night and Patagonia Grant – still waiting on funds from Alpine Shop
- RTP Grants
 - 2015: Pre-award site inspection completed June 2nd. Not a guarantee we will get grant but required before submitting to Federal Highway Dept.
 - 2014: We have completed the two miles promised in the grant. Invoice almost finished. Post construction inspection completed June 2nd with Marilyn Lehman of DNR's Grants Management Division. She was impressed with the work.
 - 2012: \$13k invoice. RTP sign installed 5-23.
 - 2011: Grant will be rolled into a 2015 grant. Matt will be invoicing as much as he can before it gets rolled into the 2015 grant.

Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine – content identified, writers contacted, some articles submitted, layout beginning.

Operations

- AmeriCorps tenant staying at OTA house beginning 5-15

Open Discussion

- Edward Wilson is expressing interest in the Treasurer position.

Parking Lot

The parking lot is for things that were brought up during the meeting that need to be addressed at a later time

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Next Staff Meeting: July 14, 2015 @ The Alpine Shop

Next Board Meeting: July 2015 TBD @ Current River State Park

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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