



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
The Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

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

Attendees: Matt Atnip, Don Schulte, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Rick Wolfram, Jim Davis, Steve Coates, Edward Wilson, Iris Wilson, Rowan Wilson,, Zach Meyers, Steve Meyers, Kathie Brennan, Cal vin Brennan, Kristen Schulte, Mark Goforth

Welcome to Visitors

- Wendy Davis, Brad Brockmeier, MaryRose Tomlinson

Education (Chair: Kristen Schulte)

- Jr Ranger Day – May 1st. How did it go? – 450 students. Did “OK or No Way” activity. Attended by Rosie Koskovich, Phyllis Chancellor and Dave Tobey
- Net conference call TDB – late May?
- Possible grant – MO Environmental Education association (MEEA). \$250 grant. Due in June (exact date unknown). Committee wants to discuss project for grant in conference call.

Outreach (Chair: Ken Kurtz)

- ITS Core Track and Poster – Rehearsal to be held at VFW hall – Bates and Gravois. Poster is ready (displayed at meeting).
- Arcadia Valley Chamber meeting– June 24, 2015

Construction and Maintenance (Chair: To be determined)

- Only had a few people respond to the committee request. Need to ask folks to do a little recruiting!
- MaryRose Tomlinson interested in Construction and Maintenance Committee
- East Berryman work
 - South end almost complete
 - Plan to open north re-route 5-23!
- Adopt-a-Trail Report – Report submitted by Kathie Brennan
- Southern OT trail condition report - Report submitted by Kathie Brennan
- Planning to head down to CRSP to do some pre-event planning for NTD
- Matt will speak with Rick Wolfram off line about Construction Committee
- Summer Mowing Program
 - Ideas for how an outing should look.
 - Lending program suggested
 - Check list for gear should be prepared to help event leaders
 - Get some scheduled??
 - Following people volunteered to lead outings – Roger Allison (1), Rick Wolfram (1), Matt Atnip (2), Kathie Brennan (Labor Day)

Planning (Chair: Steve Coates)

- Current River Trail – EA likely not complete until 7-1-2015.
- Pacific River Walk – Discussion delayed – topic not covered in this meeting.

Finance (Chair: Roger Allison)

- Fundraising
 - OT100MTB Status Report
 - Event budget, expenses and vendors, projected revenues
 - Budget discussed (copy needed),
 - Jim wishes to hold all funds, pay vendors and send balance to OTA in October. This is contrary to last year's handling and questionable from an accounting standpoint. The issue was not resolved in the meeting.
 - Registrations to date – 79, 6 sponsors developed (gear and BBQ funding).
 - Status of a To-do list for support of the race, i.e. things OTA volunteers need to do before and during the race. – Still need these items.
 - May need to build a large bike rack to mount on a flatbed to transport bikes. Bass has a trailer we could borrow for this purpose.
 - Details of how the raffle will work need to be set.
 - Canoe Raffle – Plan for ticket sales and drawing?? Tickets will be written up for on-line participants and added to same drawing bucket as those purchased with cash, check or charge.
 - Map sales – Steady sales continue. Ken Kurtz would like to help with distribution.
 - OTA Cycling jersey on sale.
 - Needs to be added to OT100MTB registration page.
 - Would like to send note to people who registered before it was posted on BikeReg.
 - Café Press on-line store – account established, items being developed.
- Membership/Donation –
 - Renewals coming in.
 - \$1,000 donation received from St Louis Ultra Runners Group (SLUGS)!
 - Membership focused raffle? Discussed briefly, No real plan set
- Al-Pint Night and Patagonia Grant – Matt will follow up with AS on when the Patagonia funds will be available along with the Al-Pint Night revenue.
- RTP Grants
 - 2015 – Pre-award site inspection scheduled for 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 will be prepared. Post construction inspection scheduled for June 2nd with Marilyn Lehman of DNR's Grants Management Div.
 - 2012 – \$13k invoice. RTP sign received. Picture taken, last details for invoice coming together.
 - 2011 grant will be rolled into a 2015 grant.

Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine – content identified, writers contacted, some articles submitted, layout beginning.
- Rick Wolfram's "Scribbles". Awaiting next edition. Rick announced he will no longer produce this newsletter.

Operations

- Edward Wilson and daughters worked on the house last month – plumbing, painting, etc.
- There will be an AmeriCorps tenant staying at OTA house beginning 5-15.

Open Discussion

- Kristen brought up the possibility of offering Leave No Trace training. Place on Parking lot. Time ran out before it could be discussed further

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 8:45 PM

Next Staff Meeting: June 9, 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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