



**Ozark Trail Association  
Monthly Staff Meeting  
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

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**Meeting opened at 6:05 P.M. by Matt Atnip**

**Attendees:** Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Roger Allison, Todd Horn, Lee Seckinger, Steve Coates, Greg Echele, Kathie Brennan, Calvin Brennan, Edward Wilson, Rowan Wilson, Jim Davis,

## **Welcome to Visitors**

- Morgan Bearden and Elizabeth McCartney from the USGS
- Steve Meyers, Alderman from Pacific

## **USGS – Trails Partner Project**

- Morgan and Elizabeth presented on the National Maps Corps project and the Trails Partner Project. This project is using volunteers to gather information to update the Topo maps. They are looking to get trails on the maps, either updating what is there or adding new ones
- The OTA was asked to be the first trail organization to take part in the Trails Partner Project. This would involve the OTA sending in data on the trails organization
- As it happens Todd Horn has already provided a lot of the data they are looking for, but the OTA will make official and complete the partnership forms

## **Construction and Maintenance**

- East Berryman Work
  - One part of the reroute had some artifacts on it that may be an issue on the NEPA
  - We still have the go ahead to start work on other parts
- Mowing
  - Mowing is wrapping up this week and all funds have been spent. Will need to look at holding some volunteer outings.
- Crew Leader Training
  - Training was held August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Rick Wolfram, Lee Seckinger, Rebecca Landewe, Yukiko Hino, and Andy Tann were all trained
- Fall Schedule
  - Has all been posted on the web, may be more added later, especially on Berryman for the new crew leaders to have some small outings with a mentor
- Mega Event
  - 119 people signed up at this time
  - Kathie has arranged with Bass Resort for a work area to do tool maintenance on Sunday. She is looking for volunteers and will feed them breakfast.

## **Planning**

- Current River Trail
  - No new information
- Marble Creek/Doe Run Property
  - No new information
- Shepherd Mountain
  - No new information
- Meramec River Corridor
  - No new information

- Camp Zoe & Current River State Park
  - There is a need to approach DNR with a proposal to do specific work that they would like us to do
- Pacific River Walk
  - Steve Meyer talked about the plans to build a trail in Pacific that could someday be part of the OT as it comes north and he has expressed a lot of interest in the vision of the OT

## Finance

- RTP Grants
  - 2010 – Mapping – invoices submitted
  - 2011 – Current River – On hold until NEPA is completed, deadline extended to 12-31-15
  - 2012 – Berryman – 5 Weeks of equipment rental remain
- OT 100 MTB Race
  - 57 people registered and paid so far, goal was to have at least 50
- LAD Foundation
  - Proposal for full trail maps submitted
- Lattner Grant
  - Proposal is due in September
- Membership & Donations
  - New program has rolled out
  - The Cabin Fever drive had a good success and we have already met the 2013 revenue level, hope is for it to double
- OT 100 Bike Race
  - There are 58 people signed up, registration is supposed to close out this weekend, but Jim may extend it a couple of days. Around \$5600 has been collected so far.
  - Expenses have been limited up to now, pot-a-potties need to be order,
  - Buses and pavilion have been donated by Bass River
  - Event Insurance is being worked
  - Volunteers have been signing up on the OTA web site to help out
  - Lots of sponsors are on board

## Communications

- REI Gives Program
  - Nationwide exposure on REI web site about projects supported by grant
  - Looking for good pictures of the Trace reroute by 8-31-14
- State Fair
  - A team went to the Missouri State Fair and did an information booth in conjunction with the DNR, all new information was used on the display board
- REI Mega Poster
  - A poster was created for the REI store. Andy Tann is going to print another and see if it can be posted at the Kansa City store

## Operations

- Potosi House
  - EPA has been billed for 4 months (\$1,200), but they still have not been onsite
- Tool Manager
  - Lee Seckinger has volunteered to be the tool manager

## Open Discussion

- None

## Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

Date	People	Hours	Type	Description
7/18/2014	1	3	Non-Trail Maintenance	Trail Head Checks - Rick
7/25/2014	2	8	Sawyer	Sawing on the Middle Fork
7/26/2014	4	52	Maintenance	Mowing at JSI
7/26/2014	10	95	Meeting	2014 Q3 Board Meeting
7/26/2014	2	12	Sawyer	Sawing on the Middle Fork
8/2/2014	10	133	Sawyer	Trees - Trees - Trees !!!
8/3/2014	2	10	Sawyer	Sawing on the Karkaghne
8/8/2014	1	8	Non-Trail Maintenance	Trail Head Checks
8/10/2014	2	8	Sawyer	Sawing on the Middle Fork and Trace Creek
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**Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM**

**Next Staff Meeting:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ Powder Valley in Kirkwood, Missouri

**Next Board Meeting:** To Be Determined

**Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting:** August 23, 2014 @ Meramec State Park

For the OTA

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