



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

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

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Steve Coates, Kathie Brennan, Todd Horn, Don Schulte, Jim Davis, Ken Kurtz, Lisa Hollenbeck

Welcome to Visitors

- Welcome went out to Ken Kurtz

Construction and Maintenance

- East Berryman Work
 - Matt is meeting with archeologist on 9-11-14 to flag around the area were the artifacts are. Should not affect the Mega
 - Work is underway with Aaron to schedule 5 weeks this fall that will fall under the 2012 RTP. Looking at 2 weeks in October, 2 in November, and 1 in December. There will be 2 people available to help.
 - Matt has the new signs for some of the intersections. He is in the process of painting them and plans will need to be drawn up on installing them.
- Mowing
 - There are some additional funds that may cover a week more of mowing, looking at AmeriCorps to do the work.
 - Eleven Point will be the target area and Nancy Feakes would like before and after pictures
 - Discussion was held on the need to start a volunteer program

ACTION ITEM: The Adopt-A-Trail agreement needs to be reviewed especially related to specialty tools like the mowers and weed eaters.

ACTION ITEM: Look at what it would take to start having volunteers to the mowing outings, things like holding training, are there any liability issues, etc.

- Forest Service Weed Eaters
 - Nancy Feakes has asked Tim Eash to request weed eaters for the Forest Service that we can then borrow as needed
- Schedule
 - Possible Spring Mega date of April 11th. This has to be confirmed with Todd Oswald at the Alpine Shop
 - Time to start thinking about getting other 2015 events on the schedule
 - Trivia Night – Possible dates of February 7th or 21st – Don will be checking
- Mega Event
 - 195 people signed up at this time
 - Everything on track

Planning

- Current River Trail
 - Archeological evaluation should happen by end of October
- OTC Meeting

- Light attendance, if you would like a copy of the minutes send a request to Matt Atnip
- Pacific River Walk
 - Steve Coates and Matt Atnip visited the site and feel there interesting possibilities for getting it into the future OT connection
- Shepherd Mountain
 - Matt Atnip will be meeting with the Ironton Mayor, he Iron County Regional Planning Commission, and the Iron County Economic Partnership on 9-11-14.
 - The Mayor is looking for our help on persuading the commissions that a connector between Shepard and Russell is a good idea and it can be built by the OTA.
- Marble Creek/Doe Run Property
 - Doe Run says it is going to happen, but no details available yet
- Camp Zoe & Current River State Park
 - No new information
- Meramec River Corridor
 - No new information

Finance

- RTP Grants
 - 2010 – Mapping – still waiting on reimbursement check
 - 2011 – Current River – Nothing new
 - 2012 – Berryman – 5 Weeks of equipment rental remain
- OT 100 MTB Race
 - Event was a Big Success with 90 people registered and paid
 - Expect this event to be much larger next year
 - Larger planning group and more volunteers will be needed to manage the event next year
 - Estimating \$8000 profit, full report being worked out
 - \$1900 in cash was donated to the event
- Lattner Grant
 - Proposal has been submitted for CRM development and admin support
- Membership & Donations
 - Fall Color Drive getting close to starting
 - Roger Alison is working on phone list, volunteers will be need to make calls and contact with folks
- Alpine Shop
 - Matt Atnip is contacting Todd Oswald about funding for 2014 and the Al-Pint night

Communications

- REI Gives Program
 - Nationwide exposure on REI web site about projects supported by grant and the OTA has provided pictures and information on our projects to them
- General Trail Brochure
 - DNR is creating the new General Trail Brochure (replace the one with the girls on the cover)
 - We will have input on the design
- Monthly Newsletter
 - Rick Wolfram wants to write a monthly newsletter with a from the trail perspective. This may debut next month.

Operations

- Potosi House
 - Edward and Rowan Wilson replaced the screen door started on replacing the fascia.
 - Note: The freezer in the basement needs to be defrosted

Open Discussion

- Kathie reports that we are getting low on signs and there was some discussion

Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

Events - Since Last Staff Meeting				
Event Date	People	Hours	Type	Description
8/12/2014	15	53	Meeting	August 2014 Staff Meeting
8/14/2014	2	24	Sawyer	Sawing on the Karkaghene
8/17/2014	1	1	Sawyer	Hand Sawing on the Courtois
8/23/2014	8	56	Meeting	2014 Annual Ozark Trail Council Meeting
8/31/2014	1	6	Admin	August 2014 Admin
8/31/2014	13	216	Maintenance	Clearing the OT for the OT100 MTB race!!
9/1/2014	3	46	Sawyer	Sawing at Hazel Creek
9/2/2014	4	8	Sawyer	Sawing on the Karkaghne
9/3/2014	4	8	Sawyer	Sawing on the Karkaghne
9/9/2014	9	23	Meeting	September 2014 Staff Meeting
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Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Staff Meeting: October 14th, 2014 @ Powder Valley in Kirkwood, Missouri

Next Board Meeting: To Be Determined

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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