



**Ozark Trail Association  
Monthly Staff Meeting  
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

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

**Attendees:** Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Don Schulte, Jim Davis, Steve Coates, Edward Wilson

## Welcome to Visitors

- No visitors

## Special Events

- Trivia Night – Will be February 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Room not available until 5:30, will need to get things set up fast
  - Need \$100 deposit sent in
  - Basically everything the same
  - Don working with Lisa on a letter for donations

## Construction and Maintenance

- East Berryman Work
  - Mega Results: 170 people, \$1815 in raffles and other sales, and 6/10s mile completed
  - Artifact area reflagged and a new temporary connector flagged
  - AmeriCorps crew has started for two weeks to work around the sensitive archeological area and Andy Tann will be supervising
  - Aaron still to schedule 5 weeks this fall that will fall under the 2012 RTP. Should be starting next week.
  - New signs almost ready, it would be best to put them in before the ground freezes.
  - There are 2 outings scheduled through the end of the year, would be nice to get some more and invite some other crew leaders to take on some other events.
- Mowing
  - AmeriCorps crew will hit Eleven Point section in the next couple of weeks depending on the weather. Nancy Feakes would like before and after pictures
  - Discussion was held on the need to start a volunteer program
- Schedule
  - Spring Mega: April 11<sup>th</sup>. May be at Bass or could be at Current River. Date still needs to be confirmed with the Alpine Shop

## Planning

- Current River Trail
  - Archeological evaluation should happen by end of October
- Pacific River Walk
  - Withington Ford Bridge located at Bend Rd and Highway N is most likely going to be saved due to endangered Mussels and can be used as a trail bridge after the new bridge is built. MoDOT is supportive of saving it.
  - A Letter of Support was sent to St Louis County Grants Commission on behalf of Pacific for the acquisition of Jensen Point
- Shepherd Mountain

- Matt Atnip had a meeting with the Ironton Mayor, the Iron County Regional Planning Commission, and the Iron County Economic Partnership on 9-11-14.
- A draft planning document was created by the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission and it will be presented to the Arcadia Valley Economic Development Commission. The plan will include trail on Shepard and trail to Russell Mountain from Shepard.
- Ozark Highlands Trail Association
  - Matt had a discussion with Duane Woltjen about how things have been going with the OTA and the OHTA. There is some new leadership in the OHTA and construction is heating up again.

## Finance

- RTP Grants
  - 2010 – Mapping – reimbursement received – grant has been closed
  - 2011 – Current River – Still holding for NEPA, the grant has been extended to 12-31-2015
  - 2012 – Berryman – 5 Weeks of equipment rental remain
- OT 100 MTB Race
  - Final receipts are all in, full accounting will be done soon to report on net income, expected to be in excess of \$8000.
  - Jim Davis reported that an event promotion group has approached him about taking over the the race event planning. The group may have an in to some folks at Stihl chainsaws that could lead to some sponserhip. He would like to see if the board would like to hear from the group.
- Alpine Shop
  - A check of for \$5000 (Spring Mega) and another for a little over \$500 (Al-Pint night) has been received
- Membership & Donations
  - Fall Color Drive getting close to starting
  - Roger Alison is working on phone list, volunteers will be needed to make calls and contact with folks

## Communications

- REI Gives Program
  - Pictures were submitted to the REI web site but have not been posted as of the time of the meeting
- Monthly Newsletter
  - Rick Wolfram wants to write a monthly newsletter with a from the trail perspective. This may debut next month.
- Terrain Magazine
  - Posted a web article about the OT100 MTB and will also be having an article in the magazine later this year

## Operations

- Forest Service Annual Report
  - For the 2014 Fiscal Year, the OTA provided
    - 8622 hours which equals \$194,426
    - Includes scheduled outings, AAT work, and an estimate on Sawyer work

## Open Discussion

- Corp of Engineer Volunteer Reception
  - On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt Atnip, Jeff Goetter, Kathie Brennan, and Calvin Brennan attended a Volunteer Recognition Dinner for the volunteers with the Corp of Engineers at the Wappapello Civic Center. The OTA was one of the groups to receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

## Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

Events - Since Last Staff Meeting				
Date	People	Hour Total	Type	Description
9/9/2014	15	36	Meeting	September 2014 Staff Meeting
9/10/2014	2	8	Non-Trail Maintenance	Trail Head Checks - Rick
9/14/2014	2	22	Maintenance	Maintenance on the Council Bluff Lake Trail
9/18/2014	4	8	Sawyer	Sawing on the Berryman
9/20/2014	28	392	Construction	Prep Outing for REI Mega Event - Berryman Campground
9/21/2014	14	130	Maintenance	Trace Creek Re-route - Clean-up Sunday, Funday!
9/27/2014	164	1804	Construction	September 2014 REI Mega Event
9/28/2014	19	39	Non-Trail Maintenance	Tool clean-up and packing
10/4/2014	13	183	Maintenance	"Falling in Love with Fall" on the OT - Middle Fork-John Roth Memorial Section

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM**

**Next Staff Meeting:** To Be Determined

**Next Board Meeting:** To Be Determined

**Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting:** To Be Determined

For the OTA

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