



**Ozark Trail Association  
Monthly Staff Meeting  
Grand Glaize Branch St Louis County Library, Manchester, MO  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

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

**Attendees:** Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Steve Coates, Kathie Brenan, Roger Alison, Don Schulte, Rick Wolfram, Kristen Schulte, Greg Echelon, Bradley Brockmeir, Perry Whitaker

## Welcome to Visitors

- First timers were welcomed and introduced

## Special Events

- Trivia Night – Will be February 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Rough draft of flyer was passed around for review & comment
  - Would like to get a “Save the Date” message and also an event set up on Facebook
  - Suggested maybe having door prizes this year
  - Kathie has a list of possible donations sites

## Construction and Maintenance

- East Berryman Work
  - AmeriCorps put in the new trail around the archeological area supervised by Andy Tann
  - A couple of small crews put in some good additional trail
  - Aaron completed two weeks of de-berming and will be back before Thanksgiving and then two weeks in December
- Mowing
  - AmeriCorps crew worked the Eleven Point section mowing the river route and the upland route. Work was also done on the Between the River section starting at the West trailhead heading east for two miles
- Schedule
  - Suggested that we get the major outings posted and then start filling in

## Planning

- Current River Trail
  - Neal Humke spoke to Bill Black (ONSR Park Superintendent). Expect some new movement here.
- Pacific River Walk
  - Jensen Point’s owner has agreed to the purchase price Pacific offered. Awaiting word on a grant to complete the transaction.
  - Steve Myers of Pacific is gathering support and expertise from several sources to help convince Franklin County that converting the Bend bridge will be an asset and that the county cannot tear it down without doing several more things to try to preserve the structure

## Finance

- RTP Grants
  - 2011 – Current River – Still holding for NPS Environmental Assessment, the grant has been extended to 12-31-2015
  - 2012 – Berryman – three weeks of equipment rental remain
  - Invoice for approximately \$23k to be submitted in the next two weeks

- Membership & Donations
  - Roger working on lists for phone campaign. We will need volunteers to call and make contact with folks. Discussion was held on what to say and how much detail to do.

## Communications

- REI Gives Program
  - REI has created a very cool interactive website and the OT is part of it! As recipients of REI's generous grant program, we were invited to submit photos with captions to tell our story.
  - Visit the site and search for Ozark Trail to see the stories
  - <https://www.geostories.org/playerhome/gesF32EBB32C3AD212F8/940/slate/arial/geoplay/>
- Monthly Newsletter
  - Rick Wolfram wants to write a monthly newsletter with a from the trail perspective
  - Looking at things like the trail dog of the month, gear reviews, upcoming schedule.
  - This may debut next month

## Operations

- OTA Office
  - A new use permit is being prepared
  - The fascia and soffit has been replaced
- EPA Office Space
  - As of right now the EPA will not be needing the space in the office for 2015

## Open Discussion

- None

## Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

| Events - Since Last Staff Meeting |        |      |              |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|--|
| Date                              | People | Hour | Type         | Description  |
| 10/14/2014                        | 6      | 13   | Meeting      | October 2014 Staff Meeting                               |
| 10/18/2014                        | 24     | 386  | Maintenance  | Fall "Whooping It Up In Winona" Weekend                  |
| 10/25/2014                        | 11     | 164  | Maintenance  | Trail Maintenance BLAST for the OT100 Mile Endurance Run |
| 11/1/2014                         | 6      | 62   | Construction | 6th Annual John Roth Memorial Cook Off                   |
| 11/8/2014                         | 13     | 147  | Construction | Building some trail.....                                 |

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

**Next Staff Meeting:** To Be Determined

**Next Board Meeting:** November 22, 2014

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

For the OTA

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