



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

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

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Kathie Brennan, Perry Whitaker, Roger Alison, Jim Davis, Steve Coates, Kristen Schulte, Jack Waterbury, Ken Kurtz

Welcome to Visitors

- First timers were welcomed and introduced

Construction and Maintenance

- East Berryman Work
 - FY 2012 RTP grant money has been used up, will be invoice will be submitted soon
 - Arron's crew put in over 1 mile of reroute bench cut with the Ditch Witch and it is high quality, additional grade reversals and a bunch of deberming
 - There were 2 small crews had gone out since last meeting and done work
 - The northern most reroute is getting close to be completed and the remaining saw work on it has been completed
- New Event Coordinators
 - Rick Wolfram and Dan Tihen both have lead their first small crews, thanks guys
- Alpine Shop Spring Mega – April 11, 2015
 - Mega will be at Bass River Resort
 - Alpine Shop will be holding another Pint Night on April 9th
 - Plan is to finish trail that was cut by Aaron's crew
 - Need to schedule a band still, Kathie is going to talk to Root Diggers
- Schedule
 - Calendar has getting pretty full, new leaders have been adding additional options
 - Summer Mowing – want to try to get more equipment and work in some volunteer weekend outings. We are hoping we can get some funds from the US Forest Service.
 - Idea to hold a trail vacation maybe on the Current River section as a way to use the RTP funds, asked people to think about it.
 - OT 100 Race – Jim Davis mentioned there has been some talk to him that the race could be a good choice to include it the National Ultra Endurance Series, <http://nuemtb.com/>. He will be gathering some more information on the whole thing, as part of that he was asking how set the Fall Mega date is because that could be the best date to hold. He is also putting out a call for anyone who would be interested in helping plan the event.
- Signage
 - New OT markers have been acquired and Calvin Brennan is currently drilling holes in them
- Tools
 - Some RTP funds are available and plan is to get more weed eaters and hedge trimmer attachments

Planning

- Current River Trail
 - NEPA not likely until late spring, Matt will be sending weekly follow ups to NPS until a firm date is set
- Pacific River Walk

- Jensen Point’s owner has agreed to the purchase price Pacific offered. The grant has cleared the first hurdle so far. Committee to determine award amount and a Pacific Palisades walk through with MDC has been scheduled for 1-21-15.
- AI Foster Trail
 - A meeting is set for Thursday, 1-15-15 at Route 66 State Park to discuss signing the AI Foster as OT and trail connection toward Pacific and Robertsville SP
- Arcadia Valley
 - On 12-3-14, Matt met with the 3 Mayors in the Arcadia Valley, a representative from the AV Chamber of Commerce, and the SEMO RPC and discussed the connection from Shepherd Mt to Russell Mt.
 - Will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce at the end of February

Finance

- Trivia Night
 - Need help with getting donations
- RTP Grants
 - 2011 – Current River – Still holding for NPS Environmental Assessment, the grant has been extended to 12-31-2015
 - 2012 – Berryman - Invoice for approximately \$22k being processed and an invoice for \$13k needs to be submitted in the next 30 days to close out the grant
 - 2014 – Plan is to submit and invoice to close the grant after the Spring Mega assuming weather doesn’t slow the trail completion down.
 - 2015 – Grant application is due by 1-26-15. Proposal is for equipment purchases and consumables to support volunteer brushing and mowing and to fund the remaining last 2 miles of the Berryman.
- Membership & Donations
 - Phone campaign. Need to callers to turn in their call logs to Roger.
 - Next major campaign is in planning stages
 - Recruitment Campaign – plan is to contact the Mega attendees who are not members. There are 165 that fall in that category just from the last 4 Mega’s

Communications

- Annual Magazine
 - The theme and distribution plan will be discussed at the Board Meeting
- Monthly Newsletter “Scribbles”
 - Rick Wolfram’s “Scribbles” newsletter will go out this week

Operations

- OTA Office
 - New permit is in place so we have the house through 2019
 - Possibly put a new roof on this summer?

Open Discussion

- None

Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

Date	People	Hours	Type	Description
11/11/2014	11	33	Meeting	November 2014 Staff Meeting
11/15/2014	2	22	Admin	Sawyer Outing - Courtois - Schulte

Date	People	Hours	Type	Description
11/22/2014	10	91	Meeting	4th Quarter - Special Board Meeting
11/30/2014	15	180	Maintenance	Freedom from the 3 F's...Food, family and football!!!
12/6/2014	6	60	Maintenance	Trail Maintenance - Wappapallo - Otter Creek
12/12/2014	1	3	Non-Trail Maintenance	Trail Head Checks - Rick
12/13/2014	11	123	Construction	Continued Work on the Berryman Re-Route
12/17/2014	2	19	Sawyer	Sawyer Outing - Courtois/Berryman - Smith
12/31/2014	1	8	Support	Support Work - December 2014
1/1/2015	1	7	Sawyer	Mark Goforth Sawyer - TS Hy21 to Russell Mtn
1/10/2015	14	140	Construction	Continued Work on the Berryman Re-Route

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Staff Meeting: To Be Determined

Next Board Meeting: January 17, 2015

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

Jeffery J Goetter

Jeffery J Goetter

Secretary, Ozark Trail Association