



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

Meeting opened at 6:35 P.M. by Matt Atnip

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Matt Atnip, Kathie Brennan, Perry Whitaker, Roger Alison, Kristen Schulte, Ken Kurtz, Don Schulte, Calvin Brennan, Todd Horn, Lisa Hollenbeck, Roger Alison

Welcome to Visitors

- No first timers at this meeting

Construction and Maintenance

- East Berryman Work
 - Two small outings held recently, great work
 - Northern most reroute is almost complete, two or three more outings coming in March
- New Event Coordinators
 - Rick Wolfram is now officially a standalone crew leader, Dan's next outing coming in March
- Alpine Shop Spring Mega – April 11, 2015
 - Still need a band
 - Al-Pint Night at the Alpine Shop will be on April 9th
 - Fall Mega is planned for September 19th
- Schedule
 - Summer Mowing – needs to be worked on, hopefully will get some finding
- Signage
 - Abi has a new supply of trail markers and she will be keeping track of them going out. If you need markers contact Abi
- Wappapello
 - A meeting is going to be held with the Corps of Engineers to draft a MOU for working on the Wappapello
- USFS Meeting
 - Meeting scheduled to talk with Jonathan Brooks to discuss current projects and sawyer certification and recertification
- IMBA Meeting
 - A general discussion was held with IMBA Regional Representative Steve Schneider that included the possibility of the Berryman race regaining its full "Epic" status again instead of "Hall of Fame".

Planning

- Current River Trail
 - NEPA not likely until July 2015 now
- Pacific River Walk
 - Website about to launch
 - MDC Palisades walk thru has been completed
 - Bend Bridge discussions are expanding, more involvement from all areas
- Al Foster Trail
 - A meeting was held on 1-15-15 at Route 66 State Park to discuss trail in that area, like the getting the OT sign on the Al Foster
 - Meeting was well attended
 - OTA will be leading quarterly meetings

- Arcadia Valley
 - A meeting was held on 2-3-15 in Ironton with a group of trail enthusiasts and SEMO Regional Planning Commission. Plat books were looked at and the attendees chose names to contact.
 - OTA will be creating a list of talking points and maps which will be due Friday, February 13th
- Boy Scouts
 - Perry Whitaker and Kathie Brennan have both been contacted by the St Louis Boy Scouts about holding a Scouts Mega event
 - Matt will contact the DE at the council to discuss. This may be something that will allow us to apply for a grant.

Finance

- Trivia Night
 - There are 30 tables reserved
 - Close to \$3000 worth of merchandise and services received or pledged
 - April Scott will be the MC
 - Team is working on getting a credit card option for the event
 - Set up will start at 5:00 PM
- Canoe Raffle
 - Rick Wolfram is donating a 10ft, fiberglass, 2-person canoe with 2 paddles for a raffle
 - Plan is to sell tickets for a couple of months and then do the raffle on Trails Day
 - Canoe can be displayed at the upcoming events
- Possible GORC Raffle idea
 - GORC is raffling a bike that is tied to membership and outing attendance together, something to be looked at
- RTP Grants
 - 2011 – Current River – Still holding for NPS Environmental Assessment, the grant has been extended to 12-31-2015
 - 2012 – Berryman - Invoice for \$22k received. Invoice for \$13k to be processed in the next 30 days to close out the grant
 - 2014 – Plan is still to submit an invoice to close the grant after the Spring Mega assuming weather doesn't slow the trail completion down.
 - 2015 – Grant application has been submitted for \$73k. This would cover brushing & mowing equipment to support the remaining last 2 miles of the Berryman.
- Membership & Donations
 - Cabin Fever campaign – want something out there by 3-7-2015. Suggestion is a fancier postcard
 - Mega Attendees 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 Events
 - Bob Lourwood made another \$1000 donation and is our first Pulaski Club Black Jacket recipient

Communications

- Annual Magazine
 - The theme and distribution plan is in work
- Monthly Newsletter "Scribbles"
 - The first Rick Wolfram's "Scribbles" newsletter was sent out and next one coming out soon

Operations

- Vehicles
 - The truck needed \$300 of maintenance to replace the oxygen sensor and an oil change. Tires are also needed and those may become a priority as there is a lot of vibration at highway speed. Matt said that Arron Browning may be able to get them donated. Donation needs to be followed up on.
- OTA Office

- The office desktop had a hard drive crash and the monitor also died. Jeff replaced the monitor and put in a new hard drive running Windows 8.1. No data was lost and the old drive will be held for some time just in case.

Open Discussion

- Outreach Program
 - Ken is willing to start working on an Outreach Program and has some idea. Things like a speaker bureau where people would go to groups and talk, volunteer recruitment, promotion displays, and other things.
 - This could be a good place to bring in the Boy Scouts request for a Mega type event
 - New Committee: Ken – Chair, Jeff Goetter, Roger Alison, Kathie Brennan, Don Schulte, Kristen Schulte

Month Event Summary

Event summary since last staff meeting.

Date	People	Hours	Type	Description
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
1/13/2015	11	32	Meeting	Staff Meeting - January 2015
1/17/2015	12	59	Meeting	2015 Annual Meeting of the Board @ Potosi
1/18/2015	14	276	Sawyer	Courtois Sawing Blast - 2 days Sunday/Monday
1/21/2015	2	6	Non-Trail Maintenance	Rick Henry Trail Head Checks
1/24/2015	6	97	Construction	Last minute Build on the Berryman- WHOOHOO!!!!
1/31/2015	1	6	Admin	Admin Hours - January 2015
1/31/2015	7	70	Construction	Continued Work on the Berryman Re-Route
2/8/2015	7	84	Maintenance	Super Bowl Sunday - Russell Mtn Trailhead/Taum Sauk Maintenance
2/8/2015	4	40	Sawyer	Robert Smith Swayer - MF3a and TC6
2/10/2015	11	48	Meeting	Staff Meeting - February 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Next Staff Meeting: March 10, 2015 – Powder Valley Nature Center

Next Board Meeting: Tentative Date of April 18 17, 2015

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

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