



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

Meeting opened at 6:15 P.M. by Matt Atnip

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Mark Goforth, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Matt Atnip, Steve Coates, Rick Wolfram, Kathie Brennan, Calvin Brennan

Welcome to Visitors

- None

Planning (Chair: Steve Coates)

- Current River Trail
 - EA not complete, but the archeology part should be in work right now
- Pacific River Walk – Bend Bridge
 - Now on the MO Preservation list of “Places in Peril”
 - Awaiting 106 consulting partner approval

Finance (Chair: Roger Allison)

- OT100MTB Status Report
 - Racers have not changed much
 - Volunteers needed – **if you can help please sign up on the event page**
- Membership/Donations
 - We would like to hold a membership focused raffle, but we need something to raffle. **If you know of something please let Matt Atnip know.**
- DNR Contracting for Camp Zoe
- A discussion was held with Bill Bryant about the possibility of DNR contracting the OTA to build the trail to Zoe
- RTP Grants
 - 2015: No word on when they will announce recipients, waiting on Federal government
 - 2014: Invoice almost finished.
 - 2012: Is now closed
 - 2011: Grant will be rolled into a 2015 grant and a revised budget was submitted to DNR
- Fundraising Ideas
 - Ken Kurtz suggested that OTA put the word out to tell people that if they want to donate to us to check with their employer employees to see if they have the option with their annual United Way payroll deduction to have their deduction sent to a specific charity rather than to United Way. Since this is United Way time it's the perfect time to ask members to check with their employers to see if they have that option donation. **ACTION ITEM:** Post on Facebook
 - Rick Wolfram suggested having a rubber duck race at the Fall Mega
 - Kathie Brennan suggested researching effective ways to create and build and an endowment fund (ex. Bollinger County Museum – www.bcmnh.org)
- Edward Wilson is doing a review of the OTA books

Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine – final pieces coming together
- Men’s Journal Article – will be in the October issues

- An article is scheduled to appear in the American Airlines American Way magazine this fall
- New DNR OT brochure has all the materials for it.
- Current Magazine out of Pacific will be publishing articles about the OT over the next few months. These articles will come from one that we have published in our publications and new ones.
- Roger will be pushing to have the bike race reported as a sporting events

Construction and Maintenance (Chair: Rick Wolfram)

- Summer Mowing Program
 - 127 miles completed with seasonal, AAT, and volunteers
- Fall Schedule
 - Events are being placed on web site and there are days open for more
- Fall Mega – 180+ signed up!
 - Route being finalized and NPS has granted clearance through the scenic easement
 - Mega Prep outing has been posted, need 6 to 10 people
 - The band has been reserved, a banjo, fiddle, and guitar
 - The task list was reviewed. **Additional help is needed, if you can help out please contact Matt.**
- System Emails Discussion
 - There was some discussion on the process related to the system emails generated through the web site, these include the volunteer, trail conditions, trip reports addresses
 - The committee made some suggestion on adding to who gets them and also removing some names. Todd will be contacted with these changes.
 - It was also suggested that a future enhancement for these types of emails be built into the web site so the request can be sent directly to the specific committee it needs to go to. This will be brought up when the web site review is done later this year.
- Jonathan Brooks would like a list of what work has been done and also what work we see that is needed. **ACTION ITEM:** Jeff will send the C&M committee the draft of a maintenance report that was developed some time ago.
- The Tool Trailers will be getting new combination locks and a tool check out process is being worked on. Also plans are being worked on for a tool cache in the WInona area.

Education (Chair Dave Tobey)

- There will be a presentation given at REI on August 25 focusing on the Mega event
- The request to have the Leave No Trace Team come to the Mega has been submitted, but no response yet

Outreach (Chair: Ken Kurtz)

- Matt will be attending the next PDS Host Committee planning meeting on August 25th to discuss OTA participation in their event
- Future Activities
 - There will be a meeting on August 15 at 6:00 PM at Current River State park that will be a public meeting on the park and there will be OTA representation.
 - OTA will be attending the State Fair on Saturday, August 22nd
 - **IF anyone would like to attend let Ken know**
 - Will also have a table at the Pacific Bluegrass Bash on August 29th
- Web Page update will be on the table when Lathy Atnip is available after the magazine is released

Operations

- Mark Goforth asked if there was anything new on the roof replacement. **ACTION ITEM:** Matt will follow up with the Forest Service.
- Discussion was held about a better way to control the key to the basement door of the office. **ACTION ITEM:** Matt will look into getting a lock box like what real estate agents use to place the basement door key

Open Discussion

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Staff Meeting: September 8, 2015 @ Powder Valley

Next Board Meeting: October 10, 2015 @ TBD

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

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