



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

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

**Attendees:** Jeff Goetter, Kathie Brennan, Matt Atnip, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Calvin Brennan, Don Schulte, Dave Tobey, Todd Horn

## **Welcome to Visitors**

- Scott Hayden, Steve Liescheidt

## **Finance** (Chair: Roger Allison)

- OT100MTB Report
  - 2016 race will be the weekend of “National Public Lands Day” - Sep 24 – 25, 2016
  - Kick Off planning meeting will be held soon
- DNR Proposal
  - Discussion about DNR contracting with the OTA to build the trail at CRSP has taken place twice now. Still waiting on word back, but hopefully something will be decided this week.
- Lattner Grant
  - Grant proposal has been submitted and we should hear back on it in December. Items in the grant included operations support and people tracking database.
- RTP 2014 reimbursement
  - Abi is doing a follow up on status of check
- RTP 2015 and rollover of RTP 2011
  - 2015 RTP for Berryman work and mowing has been awarded
  - Still awaiting word on 2011 status
- 2016 Trivia Night
  - Tentative date is February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Don Schulte is working his list of things that need to be done
- Membership Drive
  - Discussion was held on different ways to do a fall membership drive
  - Ken Kurtz’s wife, Deb has volunteered to take over the membership tracking

## **Construction and Maintenance** (Chair: To Be Determined)

- Committee status
  - We need a chairperson, any volunteers?
- Outings with Sierra Club
  - Great time on both weekends even though Sierra turnout was less than they hoped. OTA had 21 people total for the weekends. Also had college kids come out.
  - OTA people acted mainly as crew leaders
  - A total of 0.4 miles was built
- WIUIW (Winona Weekend)
  - Total of 25 people came out
  - Trees from Rocky Falls down to the south fence of Peck Ranch was cleared, but loping, signage, and blowing was done down to Highway 60

- Victory Section Reroute
  - The Forest Service and Backcountry Horseman worked a reroute on Victory the week of October 19 – 23
  - The work that has been completed so far showed signs that there will be a lot of brambles in the future
  - Another outing is planned for November 17 -19 to put gravel out
- Jensen Point Clean-up
  - Event Date: November 14
  - Event will be providing some volunteer work cleaning up the area. This site will eventually be on the OT
- Sawyer cert and recertification's
  - There were 8 new sawyers trained and 1 recertification completed over November 7 & 8
- OT 100 Endurance Run
  - Kathie and crew blew a whole bunch of trail for the 100-mile endurance run
- Schedule – YE 2015 and Winter/Spring 2016
  - After Thanksgiving event will be posted to install new Berryman signs
  - March 18-19 Spring Winona
  - If you are willing to plan an event send the date to Matt

## Education and Outreach Committee (Co-Chairs: Dave Toby and Ken Kurtz)

- NPS National Trails Day
  - NPS would like some assistance to make NTD a better thing in the parks
- Junior Ranger Day
  - Would like to see the OTA have a bigger part of the event and maybe make it a weekend event tied into it
- Trail Town Seminar
  - Scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Arcadia Academy
- Trail User Workshops
  - Working on getting a date set at Powder Valley session, waiting to hear back from them
  - Possibility of having 3 of these in the spring
- MO Trail Summit
  - Matt and Ken attended and presented the Trail Building Class
  - Ken gathered some ideas for trail towns
- Boy Scouts
  - Don Schulte has a troop leader who would like to have an event on April 16. This will need to be worked around the Mega
  - Scout Projects
    - We need to get a list of possible projects done up
    - Discussion was held about asking the Adopters to visit and look for problem areas on their sections
- General Information
  - Plan to have a standing conference call meeting the Wednesday prior to the monthly staff meeting

## Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine
  - In the mail

## Planning (Chair: Steve Coates)

- Current River Trail

- Archeological review complete with no adverse findings
- Environment Assessment report to be completed with archeological information, and then a 30-day public comment period will follow. DNR was notified of progress.
- Pacific River Walk – Bend Bridge
  - Presentation to city council did not happen on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> like it was hoped, the Mayor effectively squelched the discussion.
  - Key issues – easement to bridge, cost to restore and convert, ability of Magi and OTA to raise funds for maintenance, safety and vandalism concerns, cost to city

## Open Discussion

- From Roger - Trail Net Bike Expo in January – thinks we need a booth there, need to get date and also we are currently out of handouts

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM**

**Next Staff Meeting:** TBD @ TBD

**Next Board Meeting:** January 16, 2016 @ Potosi

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

For the OTA

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