



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Meeting
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

Meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. by Roger Allison

Attendees: Roger Alison, Jeff Goetter, Rick Wolfram, Don Schulte, Mark Goforth, Kathie Brennan, Calvin Brennan, Mark Seesing

Welcome to Visitors

- No one this month

Leadership Conference and Summer Board Meeting

- An action item from the is for the Rules, Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee to meet and consider by-law changes and process for recruiting new board members
- The secretary will make the notes from the day's event available by the end of August

Construction and Maintenance of New and Existing Trails

- There are 27 signed up so far for the First Annual Ozark Trail- Trail College October 1, 2016 @ Brushy Creek Resort
- Crew Leader Training 2016 is scheduled for 8/13/16
- The funded Summer Mowing program has basically been completed
- Some invoices have been send to the USFS as part of the cost share agreement
- NEPA for Round Spring trail has been completed and approved and the 2011 RTP has once again been extended, this time through 12/31/2017. The committee will work on setting up some week day scouting events
 - Roger is requesting a dollar loaded budget be created to that will gets us through the first part of the grant before the reimbursements start coming in
- Mark is working on providing space for vendors at the Mega
- There are some concerns with MDC came to light about needing an MOU with MDC before work can be done. This is being addressed

Promotion of the Ozark Trail & Development of the Ozark Trail

- An Interview on KEZK radio will be taking place on the 16th, this is the 3rd time a radio interview has been done
- The National Forest Foundation has invited the OTA to be part of an interactive webinar ("peer learning session") on successful volunteer models in late September. Roger will be contacting them. This organization may also be a new source of grants.
- OT-100/OT-50 Committee
 - Registration stands at 55, which is 59 behind last years
 - We need sweep riders
 - Need wood medallions cut for the awards

- Map Sales
 - Section Maps
 - The visitor center at JSI is asking for more maps and Kathie B. will have them contact Abi Jackson
 - Don S. suggested we have a big sale on the maps with the whole set sold for \$99. Roger A. agreed and made an executive decision to approve the suggestion. This will require a change to PayPal button
 - Poster Size Map
 - Abi working on final edits as the grant required some specific detail that was left out. (LAD grant from 2014. Restricted funds of ≈\$2,400.)

Promotion of the Ozark Trail & Development of the Ozark Trail

- Membership
 - Roger A. will be working on another set of monthly emails to people who need to renew and he will be working on a new email to people who have not donated in the last 11 months
- Spring hike fundraiser
 - As of the meeting 11 people have signed up on the event page
- Trivia night
 - Will be at the Afton Elks Lodge again
- Date was set for 2-18-2017
- Eagle projects
 - The Council Bluff project has been completed and the other one involving registration boxes is almost complete
- Pacific Music Festival – Saturday, August 20th
 - Jeff G will be staffing the promotion table
- Trail Town in Eminence, MO - September 10-11
 - Dave Toby has provided a flyer.
 - Also reported he had one of his staff members from Round Spring hike a portion of the Current River Section that will be used for this event.
 - He reported that it needs some prep work and he will schedule some of his staff members to work on the trail but we could use some help if OTA members are available for a couple of work days

Office Related

- Granger-Thye Agreement with the USFS for the OTA Office Building
 - Received agreement need to review and sign. Roger will sign it
 - Need to finish 2015 list
 - Request was made to Roger A. to publish the(s)

Open Discussion

- Trail Conditions Page
 - It was brought up that the Trail Conditions page has not been updated for a while
 - Question was posed if the page is worthwhile having

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Monthly Meeting: September 13, 2016 @ Powder Valley

Next Board Meeting: November 19th, 2016 @ TBD, possibly Rolla or St. James

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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