



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Meeting
Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. by Kathie Brennan

Attendees: Roger Allison, Kathie Brennan, Andrew Broeker, Jonathon Compton, Jeff Goetter, Mark Goforth, Thomas Kornberger, Ken Kurtz, Harrison Rice, Edward Wilson

Welcome to Visitors

- Welcome to Andrew Broeker, Jonathon Compton, and Harrison Rice

President Report

- Salem chamber of commerce would like to have a trail town talk
- Spoke with DNR Interpreters winter workshop, the park trail
- Walked the Don Robinson trails
- Meet with Hillsboro parks people and did an assessment on a $\frac{3}{4}$ city trail and let them know what needs to be done
- Requested a meeting with USFS with Chris Woods
- USFS is starting to work on NRT renewal

Safety Equipment Discussion

- Andrew Broeker, a sales rep for CINTAS was contacted by one of our volunteers about the need to maintain the first aid kits and thinks we may be able to use CINTAS to do this. Discounts can be acquired. Another meeting will be set up with Andrew to go over requirements and see what they may be able to provide.

Construction and Maintenance

- Naming and signing of the Current River
 - At the meeting the naming of and signing of the Round Spring work was discussed. Both DNR and the LAD Foundation is wanting the trail called the "Current River Trail" and no OT markers placed on the trail. Additional discussions need to be held.

Trail Role of the Ozark Trail Council

The OTC is a voluntary affiliation of public and private partners whose purpose is to promote the Ozark Trail; to recommend uniform guidelines to landowners and land managers for the Trail's construction, maintenance, marking, and mapping; to publicize the Trail; and generally, to provide an open, public forum at which all matters relating to the Ozark Trail can be discussed. By consensus, the Council endorses names and locations of all new Ozark Trail sections. It speaks on behalf of or otherwise represents the position of its membership regarding particular Ozark Trail issues only after reaching consensus of the signatory parties present at the meeting where the issue is discussed. The Council does not have any power to adopt or enforce binding policies governing trail locations, standards of construction, or any other matters that are contrary to the desires of the landowner or land manager's land under consideration. The Council functions in an advisory capacity in these circumstances.

- Status on construction of the trail at Round Spring
 - 1 mile is complete and if the weather stays good things should continue to progressing
 - AmeriCorp update - No status on application for the NCC crew out of Denver
 - Outings for remainder of the Spring
 - Event Leaders – Kathie is leader unless someone volunteers
 - MEGAs – March 25 and April 22, there will be a prep outing the week before. Camping location has not been finalized
- Adopt-A-Trail program
 - Rebecca Landewe will be taking over the program by late March
- Sawyer Program
 - Sawyers have been going out and Mark says equipment is available for the asking
- Southern Tool Cache - Need to send pictures and report to LAD once cache is complete

Education Outreach and Communications

- OT 100m/50m MTB Race – update
 - Has been interest shown and a committee meeting will be set up soon
 - Ken feels he can run things
- Trail Towns
 - Sullivan is really interest and JT Harding has already done some routes
- Upcoming Events
 - Alpine Shop Expo – March 3-5
 - Al-Pint Night – April 4
 - Botanical Gardens coming up early April
- Scouts – after talking with some executives
 - We were asked if we would be interested in doing Summer Camp presentations, this would require a week day visit during the day each week camp is in session. More to come.
 - Do Roundtables Presentations – These are the monthly meetings of the leaders of the troops in the different Scout Districts.
- Communications/Publications
 - Stephen Meyers will be taking the editor position and the goal is to get the newsletter back out. Need to keep Abi involved.
 - Looking at creating some pod cast things
 - Web site updates are is coming on
 - Discussing splitting the Communication committee
 - Looking for people to write articles, please contact Ken
 - Multiple publications have articles about the trail, RFT, Our Ozarks, local newspapers

Finance

- RTP – due Friday, 2/17 – is in work and lots going on in the background
- Membership - Question is still open about sticking with MS Access or find a cloud base solution
- Need someone to routinely follow up with past donors and ask for more
- USFS Cost Share - \$15,000 next cycle is being worked on

Planning

- Roger has volunteered to lead the Planning group, but will not be able to put full effort into it until June 2017
- Will also need to look at GIS licenses
- Where do we go from here?
- Profit Mountain – DNR – need more details
- Shepard Trail in Arcadia Valley
 - We need someone with technical knowledge to work with the team there
ACTION ITEM: Ken will contact Don and have him send the outing information to Kathie

Operations

Granger-Thye Agreement with USFS with the OTA house

- We need to continue to work on list
- Driveway sealer purchased
- Kitchen floor completed
- Need electrical work done – Bill Cain?
- Need to finish fence
- Apparently, a review was done on the house by the USFS in January but have yet to hear back from USFS.

Open Discussion

- It was brought up about doing a conference call for these meetings. It was decided to try using a cell phone at the March Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next Monthly Meeting: March 14, 2017 @ Alpine Shop

Next Board Meeting: April 29, 2017 @ TBD

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: Tentative for August 5, 2017

For the OTA

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