



**Ozark Trail Association
Q3 Board Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
Saturday, August 5, 2023**

A regular meeting of the directors of the corporation was held on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., at the Potosi Office of the Corporation, for the purpose of reviewing the prior business and discussing corporate operations for the remainder of the year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting, pursuant to notice and in accordance with Bylaws of the Ozark Trail Association, A Missouri Nonprofit Corporation.

Mr. Abi Jackson was elected Chairman of the meeting and **Mr. Jeff Goetter** was appointed Secretary thereof.

The secretary announced that the meeting was held pursuant to notice, if and as required under the bylaws of this corporation.

The secretary announced that the following directors were present at the meeting:

Ms. Kathie Brennan
Mr. Tim Seener
Mr. Roger Allison
Mr. James Schneider

Mr. Mark Goforth
Mr. Jeff Goetter
Mr. Stephen Thompson

The secretary then announced that the presence of these directors at the meeting represented a quorum of the board of directors as defined in the bylaws of this corporation.

The following persons were also present at the meeting:

Ms. Abi Jackson
Ms. Liatris Studer
Ms. Hannah Hussey

Mr. Terry Hawn
Ms. Cathy Renth

The secretary announced that the minutes of the Annual Board meeting held on **April 29, 2023**, were provided prior to the meeting. After discussion, a vote was taken, and the minutes of the meeting were approved by the directors in attendance.

The floor was an open call for citizen comments. There being none the meeting continued.

The first item of business was the **President's** report from Ms. Kathie Brennan. We have been contacted by different media outlets and met with the Tourism Directors about the National Recreation Trails announcement for the entire trail. The new OT Overview brochure from DNR should be out soon. Attended a recent event in Cape Girardeau talked with USFS about a trail wide NEPA to allow us to do work faster and to amend the forest plan that would exempt the trail corridor (200 feet wide) from timber sales. The USFS will be inspecting the house on 8-17-23 and work needs to be done.

The next item of business was the **Vice President's** report from Mr. Goforth. He has been in contact with a group of medical professionals that are part of the National Ski Patrol, this may be something we can look at for providing medical assistance for the race events.

The next item of business was the **Treasurer's** report by Mr. Roger Allison. The Financial report was discussed and may be viewed in **Attachment 1**.

The next item of business was the **Chief Operations Officer** report by Ms. Abi Jackson and may be viewed in **Attachment 2**.

The next item of business was reports from the Standing Committees.

The **Communications Committee** was reported on by Ms. Brennan. She would like to see the Membership Monday and AAT Day social media posts be started up again.

Mr. Goetter presented the Mid-Year Event attendance data, and it may be viewed in **Attachment 3**.

The **Construction & Maintenance Committee** was reported on by Mr. Terry Hawn and may be viewed in **Attachment 4**.

Discussions have been held about starting an Adopt-a-Swayer program and Mr. Seener is suggesting looking at something similar for the Adopters. This would be where people pledge a dollar amount for each hour, mile, or tree worked by a Sawyer or an Adopter.

The **Planning and Development Committee** was reported on by Mr. Schneider. and may be viewed in **Attachment 5**. Mr. Schneider recommended that the TP&D Committee collaborate with the C&M Committee and other members to develop proposed / potential trail corridors. The TP&D Committee recommended that we have one or more working sessions to explore where we would like the trail to be located to design the optimal trail user experience. This recommendation was approved / supported by the members of the board.

The **Education and Outreach Committee** report reported by different people. As normal several events were hosted and will be attended by the corporation. We have been approached by the Alpine to look at holding another Pint Night and the Girls Scouts have an event on 11-4-23 and Mr. Goetter will lead that one.

The **Recruiting and Nominating Committee** was reported on by Mr. Jim Schneider and may be viewed in **Attachment 5**. Ms. Hussey suggested looking for someone with marketing experience and anyone with negotiation experience. After discussion the board feels a board size of 9 members would be the optimal size, but we are also open to all good candidates. Mr. Schnider is recommending the Committee be more mission focused and less task focused. After discussion it was decided that would be a good thing to do, Mr. Schnider will go forward with the work, and it will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

The **Finance Committee** was reported on by multiple members. The committee report may be viewed in **Attachment 6**.

Mr. Allison reported the endowment fund is doing okay and is reacting to the normal market trends.

Mr. Garrett Doak sent in the current Membership status report, and it may be viewed in **Attachment 7**.

The next item of business was a call for new business items.

Mr. Seener reported the planning for the 3-Legged Monster race is going well, except for the weather damage that keeps happening. Sponsorships are way up this year, but signups are down from last year.

Ms. Brennan reported the One-Eyed Dog Mountain bike race is now part of a 4-race circuit and we will be doing trail maintenance and an Aid Station in support of the race.

Mr. Hawn reported the work area for the 50th Mega event will be at Harmon Spring if things are approved in time.

After discussion it was decided there will be no August Business meeting

After discussion the Q4 Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday, November 18, 2023, via Zoom only.

Motions approved by the Board.

No motions were made by the board requiring a vote of all directors in attendance at this meeting.

There being no other further business before the Board, on motion duly made seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery J. Goetter
Secretary, Ozark Trail Association Board of Directors



Report to the Board of Directors

Treasurer’s Report End of 2nd Quarter 2023
Board Meeting August 5, 2023
Prepared By: Roger B. Allison

I have attached a Report of Financial Activity for the first 6 months of 2023 with a comparison to the first 6 months of 2022. Obviously, the close out of our last RTP grant skewed revenue in 2022. The attached Statement of Financial Position shows a reduction in assets of \$10k in the last 12 months.

Overall, our financial health is quite stable. We have \$70,000 in the Reserve Fund in certificates of deposit. With interest from maturing CD’s and few hundred in cash we should be able to increase the amount to \$72,000 with approximately 25% of the fund maturing every 90 +/- days. I have attached a listing of our CD holdings. The Endowment Fund has climbed back closer to its principle amount but is not quite there yet.

We are still waiting for the 2022 Form 990 for review.

Ozark Trail Association
Statement of Activity Comparison
January - June, 2023

	TOTAL		
	JAN - JUN, 2023	JAN - JUN, 2022 (PP)	CHANGE
Revenue			
40000 Donations		0.00	0.00
40100 Individual Contributions	8,790.12	17,263.05	-8,472.93
40200 Entity Contributions	4,115.99	3,484.95	631.04
Total 40000 Donations	12,906.11	20,748.00	-7,841.89
42000 Grants			
42100 Business Grants		5,000.00	-5,000.00
42300 Foundation Grants		3,500.00	-3,500.00
42500 Nonprofit Grants	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total 42000 Grants	1,000.00	8,500.00	-7,500.00
45000 Recreational Trails Program			
45300 RTP Reimbursements		49,524.63	-49,524.63
Total 45000 Recreational Trails Program		49,524.63	-49,524.63
50000 USFS Cost-Share			
50000 USFS Cost-Share	70,901.03	54,124.57	16,776.46
52000 Membership Revenue			
52100 Memberships	11,617.52	13,682.66	-2,065.14
Total 52000 Membership Revenue	11,617.52	13,682.66	-2,065.14
54000 Merchandise and Misc. Sales			
54300 Inventory Sales			
54340 Map Sales	1,296.94	4,179.81	-2,882.87
54350 Merchandise Sales	1,570.03	3,659.00	-2,088.97
Total 54300 Inventory Sales	2,866.97	7,838.81	-4,971.84
54400 Cost of Inventory Sales			
54450 Merchandise Costs	-170.00	-5,794.18	5,624.18
Total 54400 Cost of Inventory Sales	-170.00	-5,794.18	5,624.18
Total 54000 Merchandise and Misc. Sales	2,696.97	2,044.63	652.34
58000 Special Events Income			
58001 Mega Cash In		661.00	-661.00
58010 Trivia Cash In	8,957.06		8,957.06
58030 Challenge Hike Cash In	5,128.33	4,930.20	198.13
58035 Devil's Toll Race Cash In	5,024.00	3,430.00	1,594.00
58040 3-Legged Monster Cash In	1,564.00	2,980.00	-1,416.00
58900 Special Events Income - Other	885.70		885.70
Total 58000 Special Events Income	21,559.09	12,001.20	9,557.89
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue		0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$120,680.72	\$160,625.69	\$ -39,944.97
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86000 Other Business Expenses			
86800 Bank Fees	13.86	3.60	10.26
Total 86000 Other Business Expenses	13.86	3.60	10.26
87000 Special Events Expenses			
87001 Mega Cash Out	476.20	487.03	-10.83
87010 Trivia Cash Out	698.94	200.00	498.94
87020 Work Outings Cash Out	2,026.78	979.03	1,047.75
87030 Challenge Hike Cash Out	1,923.67	159.00	1,764.67
87035 Devil's Toll Race Cash Out	52.00		52.00
87040 3-Legged Monster Race Cash Out		284.00	-284.00
Total 87000 Special Events Expenses	5,177.59	2,109.06	3,068.53
88000 Tools and Equipment			
88100 Fuel	2,103.91	1,755.63	348.28
88200 Maintenance	96.20	691.73	-595.53
88300 Repairs		5,123.60	-5,123.60
88400 Tool and Equip Purchases	4,714.69		4,714.69
88700 Signage	90.86	400.08	-309.22
Total 88000 Tools and Equipment	7,005.66	7,971.04	-965.38
Total Expenditures	\$119,079.16	\$74,914.53	\$44,164.63
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,601.56	\$65,711.16	\$ -84,109.60
Other Revenue			
60000 Other Revenue	764.25	3,075.00	-2,310.75
61000 Endowment Fund			
61300 Interest and Dividends Earned	221.01	142.50	78.51
Total 61000 Endowment Fund	221.01	142.50	78.51
62000 Interest Income	208.66		208.66
Total 60000 Other Revenue	1,193.92	3,217.50	-2,023.58
Total Other Revenue	\$1,193.92	\$3,217.50	\$ -2,023.58
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$1,193.92	\$3,217.50	\$ -2,023.58
NET REVENUE	\$2,795.48	\$68,928.66	\$ -66,133.18

Ozark Trail Association
Statement of Financial Position Comparison
As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL		
	AS OF JUN 30, 2023	AS OF JUN 30, 2022 (PP)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
10000 Cash	135,697.21	213,911.75	-78,214.54
Total Bank Accounts	\$135,697.21	\$213,911.75	\$ -78,214.54
Accounts Receivable			
11000 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
11100 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 11000 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Current Assets			
99989 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$135,697.21	\$213,911.75	\$ -78,214.54
Fixed Assets			
16000 Fixed Operating Assets			
16600 Tools and Equipment	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
16800 Vehicles	27,500.00	27,500.00	0.00
Total 16000 Fixed Operating Assets	52,500.00	52,500.00	0.00
17000 Accumulated Depreciation			
17600 Tools and Equipment	-24,622.00	-24,622.00	0.00
17800 Vehicles	-27,500.00	-22,000.00	-5,500.00
Total 17000 Accumulated Depreciation	-52,122.00	-46,622.00	-5,500.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$378.00	\$5,878.00	\$ -5,500.00
Other Assets			
14000 Other Short-term Assets			
14100 OTA Reserve Fund	70,211.71		70,211.71
Total 14000 Other Short-term Assets	70,211.71		70,211.71
15000 Long-term Investments			
15100 OTA Endowment Fund			
15110 Endowment-donor-restricted	32,305.00	31,305.00	1,000.00
15130 Endowment retained earnings	1,736.37	1,122.94	613.43
15150 Gains/Losses; Endowment	-3,597.13	-5,073.97	1,476.84
Total 15100 OTA Endowment Fund	30,444.24	27,353.97	3,090.27
Total 15000 Long-term Investments	30,444.24	27,353.97	3,090.27
Total Other Assets	\$100,655.95	\$27,353.97	\$73,301.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$236,731.16	\$247,143.72	\$ -10,412.56

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Statement of Financial Position Comparison
As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL		
	AS OF JUN 30, 2023	AS OF JUN 30, 2022 (PP)	CHANGE
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
20000 Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity			
30000 Unrestricted Net Assets	212,711.63	228,396.51	-15,684.88
31000 Temp. Restricted Net Assets			
31200 Endow Fund Unrealized Gain/Loss	-3,597.13	-5,073.97	1,476.84
Total 31000 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	-3,597.13	-5,073.97	1,476.84
32000 Perm. Restricted Net Assets			
32100 OTA Endowment Fund	32,305.00	31,305.00	1,000.00
Total 32000 Perm. Restricted Net Assets	32,305.00	31,305.00	1,000.00
39100 Accumulated Adjustment	-7,483.82	-7,483.82	0.00
Net Revenue	2,795.48		2,795.48
Total Equity	\$236,731.16	\$247,143.72	\$ -10,412.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$236,731.16	\$247,143.72	\$ -10,412.56

COO Report
August 5th • Abi Jackson
2nd Quarter 2023

1. MAINTENANCE

- *USFS Collaboration*
 - *Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Agreement (deferred maintenance)*

Met with key partners, prepared a final monthly invoice, quarterly financial report and progress report to close out the agreement. Completed a year-two annual review on the GAOA project documenting finances, stats, highlights, etc. and created infographics for social media. Collaborated with GAOA team to create a budget for phase two of the agreement.
 - Ordered AAT incentives and created AAT social media posts.
 - Sent Doodle polls and organized First Aid/CPR list for USFS.

2. DEVELOPMENT

3. PROMOTION

- *Website*

Met with Garrett Doak to discuss and begin implementation of major website updates. Made changes to website as needed.
- *3 Legged Monster*

Met regularly with event planning committee, updated event flyer, created award medallion artwork, created t-shirt design, sponsor form, promoted the event on social media, updated event description on UltraSignup, and negotiated with Terrain Magazine for advertising.
- *Social Media*

Created monthly membership welcome graphics highlighting new and renewing members for social media, promoted upcoming events and made posts regularly.
- *Advertising*

Worked with Kathie Brennan, President, to design quarter and full-page ads for Terrain Magazine.

4. FUNDRAISING

- *2023 OT Challenge Hike & Float*

Continued collaboration with Garrett Doak, director, on organizing the 2023 event. Regularly updated and shared sponsor graphic, calculated event financials, prepared and sent graphics to printer for merchandise and banners. Processed credit card payments and sent sponsor thank yous. Attended event on May 19th and 20th.
- *Membership*

Mailed new member kits, manually entered check payments, mailed life member certificates, and sent donation acknowledgements.
- *Merchandise*

Filled and mailed merchandise and map orders weekly. Ordered and managed inventory.
- *Grants*
 - Received \$2,500 funding from the Carl Morrow grant request to hire trail crews to complete maintenance on non-Forest lands.
 - Submitted Risberg grant request and received \$1,000 funding to update the Ozark Trail Guidebook.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE

- *Accounting*
 - Bookkeeping: Entered second quarter banking information into Quickbooks. All payables, receivables and deposits have been tracked and coded to the appropriate categories in the chart of accounts and there are detailed and organized electronic files of all documents. Dropped off reports for completion of the 990.
- *Miscellaneous Additional Collaboration*
 - Met with OTA President and Membership Coordinator regularly.
 - Met with DNR in Jefferson City on April 5th to discuss the Ozark Trail brochure publication.
 - Attended Legislation Day at the Capitol.
 - During weekends and evenings, attended the Q1 2023 Board Meeting and multiple staff meetings.

All other general and miscellaneous office duties have also been completed during this time.

GAOA YEAR-TWO REPORT



Project
During 2022-23, the OTA continued addressing deferred maintenance on the Ozark Trail and spent most resources working on trail tread, establishing or repairing erosion control features, and augmenting signage.

Staff
Year two brought us some amazing trail staff that had previous experience through AmeriCorps. This OTA trail crew has been instrumental to the success of this project over the past year along with the support of hundreds of OTA volunteers.

Results
This unprecedented project is the largest maintenance and upgrade effort ever undertaken on the Ozark Trail system within the MTNF. We hit our target and also dramatically improved the condition of the Ozark Trail - invaluable!

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trees removed **269**

27+ water bars installed or maintained

8,739 ft tread rehabbed

Trail Section	Miles Maintained
Eleven Point	1
Marble Creek	13
Karkaghne	9
Middle Fork	18
Berryman	20
Courtois	30
Taum Sauk	3
Trace Creek	25

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2023 TERRAIN ADS



**EVERY MILE. EVERY INCH.
WE'RE COMMITTED THRU AND THRU.**



It's so much more than 430 miles. Its impact on anyone who has followed its meandering path is exactly why the Ozark Trail Association and OTA volunteers are dedicated to inspiring the next generation of conservationists.

ozarktrail.com

EXPERIENCE MISSOURI'S **WILDER SIDE**



Missouri's longest multi-use National Recreation Trail provides over 430 miles to explore. From standing on Taum Sauk Mountain, the state's highest spot to encountering a herd of wild horses, adventures abound to create lasting memories. The Ozark Trail takes you through hardwood forests next to crystal-clear streams and along sheer bluffs and rocky balds. It's all right here in Missouri's rugged backyard. Try our **Online Trip Planner** to plan your trip, download trail maps, check trail conditions and sign up for events at ozarktrail.com. See you on the trail!





Report to the Board of Directors

Administration

Prepared By: Jeff Goetter

Here is a snapshot of the Event data for the first 6 months of 2023.

I am missing reports on these outings.

Event Date	Description
4/7/2023	
0:00	Maintenance on the OT – location TBD
6/3/2023	
0:00	Mega Event

Events Held		Number of People Attending	
Event Type	# of Events Held	Event	# of People
Admin	6	Admin	33
Adopt-A-Trail	123	Adopt-A-Trail	187
Construction	1	Construction	8
Fundraiser	2	Fundraiser	22
Maintenance	31	Maintenance	135
Meeting	9	Meeting	80
Non-Trail		Non-Trail	
Maintenance	1	Maintenance	2
Outreach	4	Outreach	19
Party	1	Party	12
Sawyer	18	Sawyer	44
Grand Total	196	Grand Total	542

Hours				
Event Type	Work Hours	Travel Hours	Total Hours	
Admin		202	15	217
Adopt-A-Trail		714	830	1544
Construction		64	41	105
Fundraiser		217	59	276
Maintenance		1272	523	1795
Meeting		133	38	171

Non-Trail			
Maintenance	6	0	6
Outreach	191	48	239
Party	24	0	24
Sawyer	294	178	472
Grand Total	3117	1732	4849

People Data

Row Labels	Count of FullName	Sum of Total Hours
Kathie Brennan	34	393
Terry Hawn	29	342
Garrett Doak	28	224
Liatris Studer	25	292
Dan Childress	21	196
Jeff Goetter	19	122
Tim Seener	14	86
Beth Little	12	418
Joe Beussink	10	82
Andrew Karandjeff	10	30
James Mercer	10	37
Michael Pearce	9	97
Maury Mertz	9	25
Jim Schneider	9	40
Louise Bullock	8	91
Roger Allison	8	27
George Lipscomb	7	66
Brian Andrews	7	51
Clinton Salyer	7	34
Abi Jackson	7	15
Michael Walker	6	37
Craig Miller	6	121
Stephen Thompson	5	12
John Michaelree	5	12
Rob Nations	5	12
Robert Becker	5	42
Mark Goforth	5	28
Bruce Hadley	5	68
Joe Lyons	5	40
John Nies	5	26
Ami Seener	4	23

Richard Hays	4	7
Carol Childress	4	28
Hannah Hussey	4	8
Bill Cain	4	51
Calvin Brennan	4	36
Kayla Brinkley	4	10
Cathy Kelly	3	15
Katy Mustion	3	22
Pat Campbell	3	25
Tony Schwabauer	3	14
Andrea Yates	3	30
Dave Rice	3	33
Brandy Fowler	3	14
Maria Yingling	3	26
Pat Jr Campbell	3	25
Brock Littles	3	8
Mark Schutte	3	38
Sarah Lange	3	13
Linda Coulter	3	87
Lisa Nelson	3	87
Ed Fowler	2	4
Dave Tobey	2	23
Tim Foster	2	16
Mark Jenkerson	2	3
Samantha McFarland	2	16
John Pollihan	2	17
Bob Foster	2	16
Matthew Westby	2	19
Bob Becker	2	47
Judy Lipscomb	2	4
David Flaherty	2	8
Alex Stradal	2	0
Anne Oliver	2	24
Janice Flaherty	2	8
Ted Koenig	2	19
Anthony Zabek	2	18
Jack Felts	2	17
Caitlyn Kelly	2	0
Chuck Vohsen	2	15
Jen Doias	2	11
Patrick Remming	1	10
Tommy Doias	1	5

Esther Borner	1	6
Hans Smith	1	11
Diana Linders	1	8
Harry McIntyre	1	13
Ed Watch	1	12
Hayden Bellm	1	12
Steve Liescheidt	1	2
Henry Graczyk	1	12
Dean La Boube	1	11
Jace Littles	1	2
Nancy Miller	1	17
Barb Cain	1	11
Rachel Smith	1	15
Jack Waterbury	1	8
Robert Smith	1	10
James Dezan	1	6
Shawn Williams	1	7
Bruce Linders	1	8
Faith Bishop	1	7
James Pratt	1	6
Mark Hodges	1	8
Barbara Koenig	1	8
Debbie Riess	1	8
Angela McKnight	1	6
Mike Foster	1	9
Jeffrey Bell	1	4
Dustin Howell	1	15
Jeffrey Bellm	1	6
Pierre Luxton	1	6
Beth-Ann Sholes	1	10
Rebecca Franksain	1	7
Jerred Sallee	1	8
Edward Fowler	1	10
Amy Bellm	1	12
Ross McIntyre	1	13
Chris King	1	19
Ethan Goforth	1	7
Anthony Lounsbery	1	12
Evelyn Rogers	1	8
Joe Massey	1	3
Susan McRaven	1	11

Joe Taylor	1	6
Fred Schlegel	1	1
John Brett	1	8
Austin Friberg	1	8
John Marriott	1	16
Davy Schiller	1	10
John McRaven V	1	11
Matthew Fowler	1	10
Angela Edwards	1	7
Dia Henson	1	7
Brad Struttmann	1	12
Diane Gregory	1	9
Dan Buechler	1	12
Mike Tobin	1	13
Jonathan Hedrick	1	11
Nick Edwards	1	7
Joop Arends	1	10
Aurora Blanchard	1	20
Joshua Letner	1	9
Phil Rufe	1	5
Joyce Chou	1	12
Rachel Schneider	1	7
Alan "Sparke" Knight	1	18
Randal Henson	1	7
Dan Tihen	1	14
Rich Vogan	1	8
Katy Hudler	1	6
Rob Hudler	1	6
Daniel Calhoun	1	11
Ellen Longfellow	1	12
Kay Piper	1	10
Eric Heimann	1	11
Daniel Jay	1	4
Ryan Hanlon	1	12
Amalie Duvall	1	24
Sara Epperson	1	7
Linda Anderson	1	9
Scott Hedrick	1	9
Arthur Bishop	1	7
Stephanie Green	1	12
Brent Vaughn	1	10
Steve Halther	1	2

Lori Vohsen	1	8
Susan Marsh	1	9
David Epperson	1	7
Ted (Edward) Weiss	1	9
Mandy Jenkerson	1	2
Amelia Lamair	1	7
Brett Reitz	1	6
Alane Wollins	1	8
Marianne Ross- Knight	1	18
Brian Peak	1	3
Mark Gililand	1	10
David Hardesty	1	12
Grand Total	542	4849



Report to the Board of Directors

Construction and Maintenance Committee

Prepared By: Terry Hawn

August 2023

Spring and Summer 2023 has continued with an increase in weather related trail work. The Spring Mega was moved to June due to poor weather in April. Weather related trail work continued into June and July as we held our first Current River Sawyer weekend hosted by Robert Becker. We had a good turnout and covered the bulk of the Between the River Section and Parts of the Current River Section clearing trees and brush cutting.

The first 2-year GAOA contract expired on April 30. We have the USFS GAOA contract renewed for 2023-2025 fiscal years of \$266,000. As part of the new USFS GAOA contract we will be hiring a 3rd OTA GAOA Trail Crew member. We had hoped to keep Alex and Caitlyn on for the 2023-2024 season, but they have decided to move on to their next life adventure. We will begin the search for their replacements in the coming weeks. We have lots of work to do and we will need those trail crews to carry much of the load.

We will also begin working on rehabbing the Spur Trail from the Between the River Section and Big Springs. With the Big Spring facility revitalization, we are expecting more and more users will be utilizing the Ozark Trail to/from Big Springs.

We have utilized GAOA funding to add additional power tools replacing older tools which have been around for at least the last 10-15 years. We will add more as part of the tool refresh afforded us by the GAOA funding.

We will start searching for a second OTA truck to supplement our expanded work crews in the coming year.

We have a total of 19 C&M Events Scheduled for Fall 2023 with 4 OT-OHT Builds, support of the 5 OTA supported fund raising and Outreach Events – 3LM, Devil's Toll Race, One Eyed Dog MTB, OT100 Endurance Run, 20th Anniversary Fall Mega Event s, a Winona Multi-Day events and at least 4 AmeriCorps events.

We continue putting in place an outreach program of some kind to solicit donations to support the Build down south. We will need the help of the Outreach and financial teams.

We will be resuming the OT-OHT build in September with 1 event a month through Next May. I am targeting to open the 3 ish mile section of completed trail between the COE Udall Campground and Bridges Creek by next May 2024. We will have access to

mechanized trail building equipment (courtesy of Troy Witte – West Plains Bicycle shop) when we are on terrain conducive to mechanical build in the future. We continue putting in place an outreach program of some kind to solicit donations to support the Build down south. We will need the help of the Outreach and financial teams.

We have posted the Aug – Dec 6 months of 2023 Event Calendar around the end of May.

Key concerns for C&M in 2023 and beyond

- recruitment of new OTA GAOA Crew Leaders
- recruitment of new committee members
- succession planning
- OT-OHT Project leader
- Recruitment of 3-4 General Event Leaders

In addition to a second OTA truck, The C&M committee will be looking at replacing the small tool trailer in the next 2 years and using additional funding in the new GAOA contract for additional new leaf blowers (2), weed eater, chainsaw, chaps, helmets and miscellaneous consumables like fuel, oil, saw chains, filters and regular truck maintenance. We have budgeted for new shocks for the truck as the have never been replaced and need to be replaced to maintain safe operations.

We still have a robust list of Ozark Trail enhancement projects using new grant money expected from the USFS. These projects include:

GAOA Tread Rehab Projects

Scheduled or on the list as soon as USFS NEPA Completed – More are being added weekly.

- Wappapello – TH RD 172 W30-33 approx. .25 mile– reroute – awaiting NEPA.
- Victory Section V8 - reroute – awaiting NEPA.
- MiddleFork Project #2 – MF7C – put in switchbacks above Strother Creek – steep hill.
- Karkaghne Project #2 K4- tread rehab West of Bee Fork on Big Nasty – approx. .5 mil -started.
- Karkaghne Project #3 K5a – tread rehab West of Big Nasty on Little Nasty – approx. .5 mile
- Blair Creek Project #1 BC3 – move trail out of drainage areas.
- Blair Creek Project #2 BC5 – rehab hillside tread that is virtually gone – approx. 300 ft
- Current River Project #1 CR3a – rehab trail tread on north side of Stegal Mtn .25 mile
- Current River Project #2 CR10 – Address steep ascent via boulder drainage t highway 60 underpass.
- Courtois – Project #4 – Mile 39.7 between FS RD 2591 and 2267 .75 mile of

- tread rehab
- Courtois – Project #6 – Re-rout just west of 2nd crossing – move trail out of drainage area and up on hillside – will require NEPA.
 - Courtois – Project #7 – Repair trail between Hazel Creek to Snapps Branch then to FS RD 2698 – 3 miles
 - Courtois – New Spur Trail to new CR 2265 Trail Head being built by USFS.
 - Courtois – Berryman East Loop MM – 2-5 – tread rehab – AmeriCorps 1/4-11/2023
 - Trace Creek – Project #1 – Tread repair between Pine Branch and Delbridge rd. - .25 mile
 - Trace Creek Project #2 - Spur to CBL-
 - Trace Creek – Mile Mark 2-3 – tread rehab between the creek and HWY C
 - Trace Creek Project #3 - Peter Cave Hollow to gravel road -mile 23-24– hillside tread repair'
 - Between the River hillside tread rehab of about .5 mile at MM 18
 - 11 Pt Project #3 EP10 – re-route east of Bochman Springs.
 - 11 Pt -Project #4 EP10 – move western TH to Bannister Rd (County Rd 430) and build about 1 mile of new trail.
 - Victory Section private property re-route (Completed by USFS)
 - Norfolk Project #1 – reroute off County Road AP.
 - Norfolk Project #2 – NF4a – fix hillside tread erosion.
 - Taum Sauk – TS11 – reroute.
 - Council Bluff CBL2 – re-route above spillway to bypass erosion and rutting .2 mile.
 - Council Bluff CBL - move tread up the hill away from flooding cove for .25 miles.

Still moving the process along (albeit slowly) of creating 4th Edition of the Ozark Trail Guide.

- Issue – no one working full time on this

Trail Head Enhancement Project

- We also plan on adding or updating the Kiosks at each trailhead as well as improving signage at all trailheads and secondary trail access points. We added 2 new sign-in Kiosks. We have more to deploy and we will be building more.

Connecting the OT-OHT – Build down South.

- In 2023, We have 4 OT-OHT builds scheduled 4 for the Fall
- We continue putting in place an outreach program of some kind to solicit donations to support the Build down south. We will need the help of the Outreach and financial teams.



Report to the Board of Directors

Trail Planning and Development

Prepared By: Jim Schneider

July 31, 2023

The Trail Planning and Development Committee’s strategy to guide our efforts:

Workstream 1 – Build the on-line trail map and planned trail corridor(s)

- Renew license with ARC GIS Online to support trail corridor planning and trail building efforts.
- Download GIS parcel / land ownership data for every county along the current and proposed trail corridors and upload to OTA trail map.
- Upload current trail routes based on GIS data.
- Document proposed new trails.
- Create online database to document efforts on each parcel for the proposed trail corridor(s)
- Update database with work completed to date.

Workstream 2- Engage Community Leaders

- Create a database / file to document community leaders and engagement activity.
- Update with appropriate contact names and contact information
- Develop schedules to reach out and establish appropriate meetings to discuss our vision and plans.
- Determine approach for OTC communication and engagement.

Workstream 3 – Build foundation for property /trail rights acquisition and protection.

- Establish relationships with land trust organizations to partner with the OTA.
- Ramp up relationships with private foundations and corporations to support funding of land acquisition / trail rights.
- Determine fit and strategy, next steps for water and road trails.
- Develop landowner engagement strategy and documentation.

Progress Update – August 2023.

Workstream 1 – Build the on-line trail map and planned trail corridor(s)

Jim Schneider, Kayla Brinkley and Kirsten Schaefer - Geospatial Working Session July 18, 2023

These notes will be supported with additional detail in the next few days as noted below.

Work Session Goals:

1. Alignment of goals and how we use our ARC GIS account and the TRAILS tool.
2. Steps needed to complete set up including data
3. Procedures to make future updates
4. Documentation and storage location and organization
5. Presenting overview of approach and process to the board of directors

Topic #1: Alignment of goals and how we use our ARC GIS account and the TRAILS tool.

Topic #5: Presenting overview of approach and process to the board of directors

- The OTA Arc GIS account will be the repository and home for our trail planning geospatial data. We currently have the existing trail shape file (gpx) and trail head information from the OTA website loaded on this system.
- We are currently working to load the county property parcel shape files to this system. This county parcel shape files will be for the counties where the identify gaps exist. There is a separate tracking log to notate which files we have received and the status of our procurement efforts.
- Kayla will be able to download parcel ownership information to an excel spreadsheet which we can use to document and track our work with landowners to acquire trail building rights.
- The TRAILS tool provided by the USGS will be used as one our primary trail route planning tools. We will load the property parcel shapefiles / information as a data layer in our account. Topographical data within the TRAILS tool will allow us to design sustainable trails based on our established criteria.
- The TRAILS tool uses topographical data, land ownership, water barriers, road, and other transportation data to design trail routes. We will add another custom layer – our county parcel information to assist our design efforts.
- Once we have loaded the county parcel information to our TRAILS system, the TP&D would like to collaborate with the Construction and Maintenance Committee and other OTA members to develop proposed / potential trail corridors. We recommend that we have one or more working sessions to explore where we would like the trail to be located to design the optimal trail user experience. Obviously, our optimal design will be impacted by our ability to obtain trail building rights on these corridors.
- Given that our ability to obtain trail building rights will happen in a piece-meal fashion, we anticipate that some trails may be routed on roads on an interim basis. Multiple re-routes may be required.

- As we develop our data management plan and process as outlined below, we will schedule time in a future board meeting to review.

Topics:

2. Steps needed to complete set up including data

3. Procedures to make future updates

4. Documentation and storage location and organization

Kayla will provide additional detail on these topics, but here are few things we are working to address

- Shape files of the trail (gpx) and trail heads are stored on google drive.
- We need to put the parcel information on google drive.
- We will set up Arc GIS on-line to create an end user friendly viewing capability.
- Excel file to be set up to capture parcel ownership information and document efforts to obtain trail building rights.
- We need a trail data management and change management plan / process.
- We would like to have the proposed trail for the Missouri Border to Dawt Mill segment.
- Kayla will document an outline and next steps of our data management and storage plan and process.
- How do we align / reconcile our accounts / data to the existing map maintained by the OTA?
- Ensure all geospatial files are uploaded into google drive
- Determine a cadence at which the "Gold Copy" Trail shapefile should be updated because of trail building and trail expansion (yearly? quarterly?)
- Develop a geospatial metadata standard for OTA data. This doesn't need to be complicated, but a simple set of standards for file types, naming conventions, etc.
- Clean up metadata of existing geospatial files
- Set up a Arc GIS online page for OTA geospatial products (primarily, trail shapefile and trailhead shapefile) that is easy for board and committee members to access and use
- Set up separate ArcGIS online section for the parcel data for Trail Planning Committee
- Determine trail building priorities and features to prioritize when proposing potential routes for trail expansion and connections (for example, proximity to water or road access, nice views, town accesses, etc)

Workstream 3 – Build foundation for property /trail rights acquisition and protection.

July 22

Sent follow-up email to Gus Raeker @ Missouri Dept of Conservation

June 13 & 14

Attended MLTC Annual meeting in Springfield.

June 13 was focused on socializing and networking:

- Met Bonnie Harper, Exec Director at The Open Space Council for the St Louis Region. Their organization has a 100-mile radius area of focus. Potential opportunity to partner with this

organization on our Meramec corridor trail development, including funding. She or her team will reach out to me and Matt Aholt soon.

- Also met:
 - Ginny Moore - Conservation Fund / Kansas State Director
 - Loring Bullard - Ozark Society and Ozark Land Trust, Board of Directors
 - Larry Levin - Ozark Land Trust / Exec Director website: <https://ozarklandtrust.org/>

June 14 focused on building networks with a goal of further collaboration among coalition members. A facilitated networking exercise was very valuable and provided some additional contacts.

Additional contacts made:

- Meghan Buchanan - Director of Resilient Lands, The Nature Conservancy. She is based in St Louis
- Abigail Lambert - Ozark Land Trust. She is focused on conservation along the Meramec River valley.
- Gus Raeker - Regional Resource Management Business Section Chief / Missouri Dept of Conservation. (Note we had received information previously about the MDC's FY24 Land Conservation Partnership Grant (LCPG) –
- Susan Mattheir - Ozark Greenways in Springfield MO

Take away and action items:

- Set up a working group with Ozark Land Trust, Conservation Fund and Nature Conservancy. I discussed this idea with Larry Levin a few months ago at his suggestion. Status - Jim S will begin working on this in September / October
- Follow up with Gus Raeker to learn more about grant opportunities and determine how we could possibly collaborate more closely on projects. Status - Meeting targeted for the last week of September.
 - See link for Conservation Opportunity Areas GIS map: <https://hub.arcgis.com/maps/mdcgis::missouri-conservation-opportunity-areas-gallery-map/about>
 - Audubon Important Bird Areas: Sent request to obtain GIS data for Missouri: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/320c457f79c34ba6b929d87e1eb687e5?portalUrl=https://gis.audubon.org/portal>
 - Conservation Finance Network: <https://www.conservationfinancenetwork.org/>
- Set up meetings with Larry Levin and our TP&D GIS team to provide an overview and recommendations on how OLT could utilize this technology platform. Status – waiting for Larry to provide dates and times available.
- Join Ozark Society and possibly participate in the 2024 annual meeting, look to build a relationship with Loring to recruit trail builders in southern Missouri.
- Research “Land Trust Alliance” as a potential resource: <https://landtrustalliance.org/>



Report to the Board of Directors

August 2023 Finance Committee Report

Prepared By: Hannah Hussey

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1. Treasurer's Report

Please see the Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors prepared by Roger Allison



Report to the Board of Directors

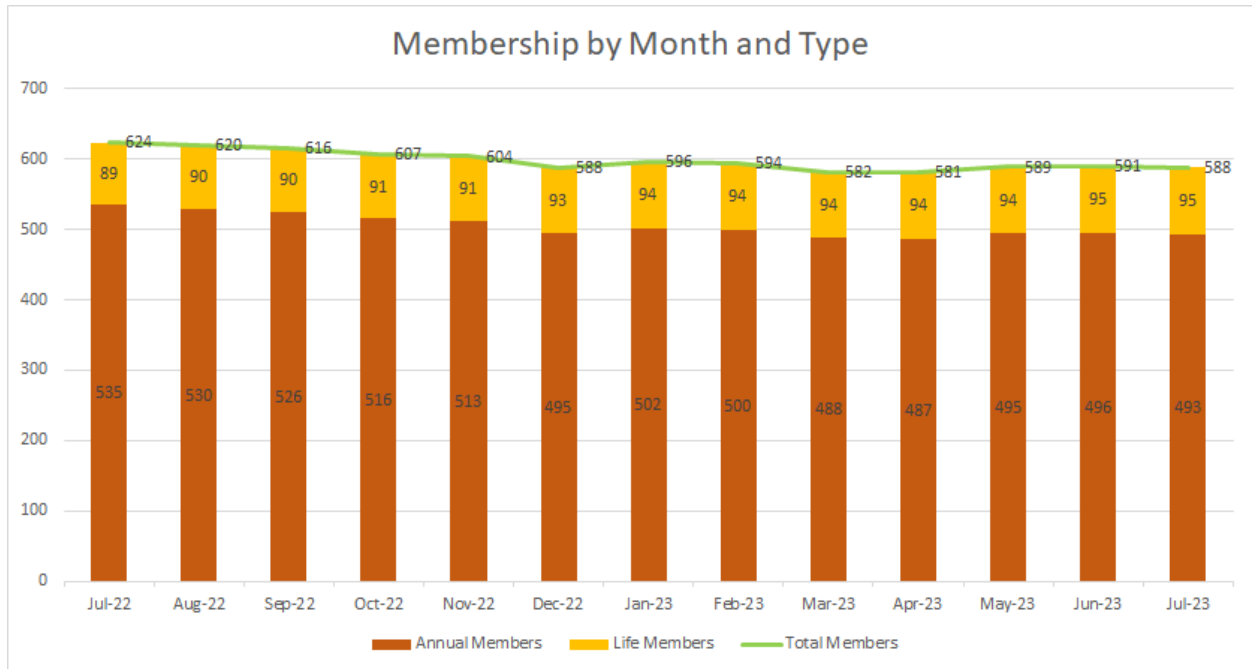
Treasurer's Report End of 2nd Quarter 2023
Board Meeting August 5, 2023
Prepared By: Roger B. Allison

2. Membership Report

Ozark Trail Association
Finance Committee
Membership Coordinator Update

July 2023 Membership Counts

- TOTAL Members: 588 (-3 😞)
- Annual Members: 493 (-3 😞)
- Lifetime Members: 95 (unchanged)



July Membership Activity

- New Members: 0 (First time I've seen this!)
- Renewing Members: 12
- Expired (Lost) Members: 4 (😞)

August Membership Activity

- Already renewed: 1
- Need to Renew: 19
 - Of the 19, 11 are auto-renew
 - Of the 19, 5 are first-year members

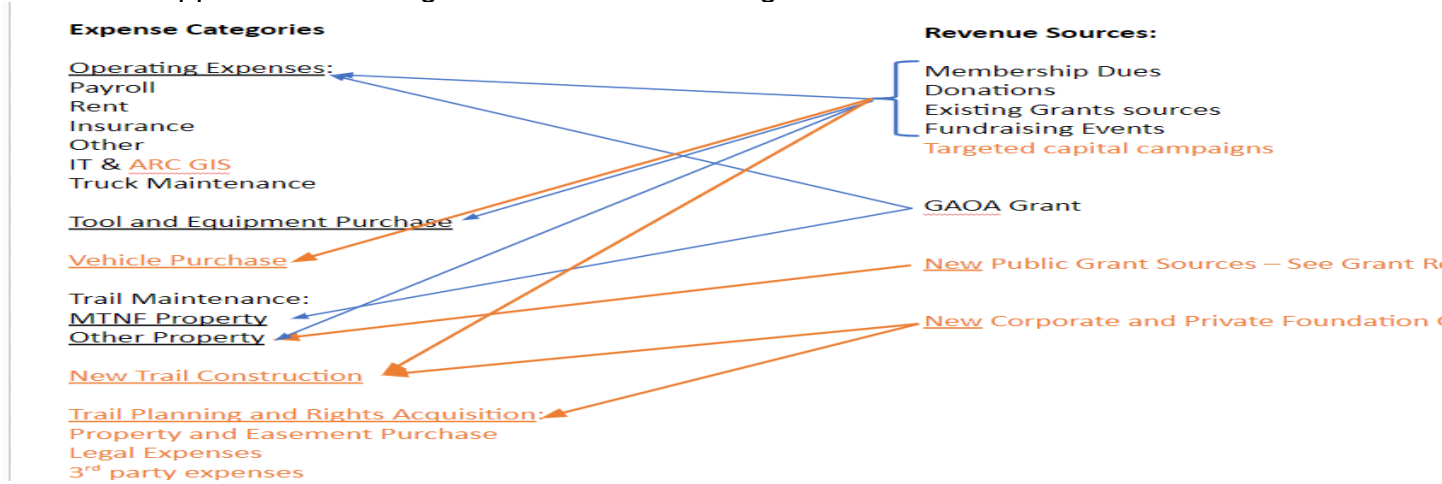
July Coordinator Activity

- Sent reminder and 'please come back' emails to July expired members.

Prepared by Garrett Doak

3. Strategic Funding Raising / Aligning with future needs

Proposal for a map identifying how the OTA can fund expense categories. For discussion/approval at the August 2023 Board Meeting.



Prepared by Jim Schneider

Ozark Trail Association
OTA Board Of Directors 3Q2023 Meeting
Membership Coordinator Update

End of July 2023 Membership Counts

- TOTAL Members: 588
 - Annual Members: 493
 - Lifetime Members: 95

