



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Staff Meeting
Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

Meeting opened at 6:05 P.M. by Matt Atnip

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Kathie Brennan, Matt Atnip, Roger Alison, Ken Kurtz, Perry Whitaker

Welcome to Visitors

- Mark Nettles

Education Committee (Chair: Dave Toby)

- Meeting at CRSP after Mega
- Discussion is ongoing between Dave and Ken about combining Outreach and Education committees

Finance (Chair: Roger Allison)

- OT100MTB Report
 - Results were posted on Facebook
 - Lots of good comments on condition of the trail and overall race
 - Had some issues, volunteers were thin and 2 bikes went to the wrong starting point
 - Roger will be race director again, but we need to start planning now. Please contact Roger if you are willing to help.
 - Looking at the 2016 race being the weekend of “National Public Lands Day” - Sep 24 – 25, 2016. This needs to be confirmed with Bass’ Resort
 - Final costs are still being figured, but preliminary numbers show we made more than last year
- DNR Proposal
 - Discussion was held with DNR about them contracting with the OTA to build the trail at CRSP and DNR is actively looking into it
- 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
 - Nothing has been heard on the status
- Magi Foundation
 - OTA has received a \$1,000 donation from the Foundation

Construction and Maintenance (Chair: To Be Determined)

- Committee status is still being looked at
- Fall Mega – 163 attended, ¾ mile trail built, \$1,850 raised in raffle
- Outings with Sierra Club
 - 14 OTA people signed up for the first one and around 30 from Sierra Club
 - 17 OTA people for the second one
 - Looking at caching tools on work site during the week
 - Kathie is planning on pulling the tool trailer back to Potosi
- WIUIW

- There are 25 signed up so far
- Looks like Peck Ranch and Pike Creek areas will be the main worksites
- Victory Section Reroute
 - The Forest Service and Backcountry Horseman will be working on a reroute in the tornado damage area of the Victory the week of October 19 – 23
- 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
- Between the Rivers Brushing
 - Some cost share funds are left so a AmeriCorps crew will be working the trail
- Sawyer cert and recertification's
 - Scheduled for November 7 & 8
 - Additional recertification's will be available early 2016
 - Mark Goforth is contacting people

Outreach (Chair: Ken Kurtz)

- The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Conference and tour of Riverwalk was cancelled due to low turn out
- Trail Town Seminar
 - First one will be held on January 30th, 2016
 - Will be at the Arcadia Academy
- MO Trail Summit
 - Scheduled for October 21-22, 2015 in Jefferson City
 - Matt will be presenting a Trail Building Class
- Boy Scouts
 - Don Schulte has been talking with the Order of the Arrow chapter
 - There are two Eagle Scout projects requests pending
 - Don needs to contact Perry Whitaker to discuss what he does with Scouts

Communications (Chair: Kathy Atnip)

- Magazine
 - Final pieces coming together

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
 - 106 consulting partners meeting 8-24
 - Presentation to city council likely on Nov 3rd
 - 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

- Kathie brought up that we need to get start planning the 2016 Trivia Night

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next Staff Meeting: November 10, 2015 @ Alpine Shop

Next Board Meeting: January, 2016 @ Potosi

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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