



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Meeting
Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, MO
Tuesday, November 08, 2016**

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

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Roger Allison, Kathie Brennan, Mark Goforth, Steve Liescheidt, Scott Hayden, April Scott, Ken Kurtz

Welcome to Visitors

- None

Fall Board Meeting

- Due to personal reason Russell Martin, has resigned from the Board effective November 3, 2016. Thank you for your service.
- The meeting date has been set for November 19th, 2016, in Potosi
- The Rules, Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee Ken Kurtz has been distributing the comments he has received from the board members
- The following Board member terms expire in January, 2017
 - Dave Tobey
 - Kai Walker
 - Kristen Schulte
 - Mark Seesing
 - Neal Humke

Construction and Maintenance of New and Existing Trails

- Construction and Maintenance Committee Report
 - 2017 Mega Tentative Dates
 - March 25
 - April 22
 - September 30
 - Oct 28
 - Round Spring Section Trail
 - A 4-Day Outing was done and the loop section has been laid out and is ready for construction, but there is concern about who needs to approve it before construction starts.
 - Forest Service Comments
 - Jonathan Brooks last day was on 10-31-16, temporarily our contact is Chris Woods. The Job has been posted by the USFS
 - The signs that Jonathan was going to have made had budget cuts
 - Southern Tool Cache grant of \$2600 has been received from LAD, but the check was not signed

Promotion of the Ozark Trail & Development of the Ozark Trail

- Upcoming Promotion Events
 - 2016 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Display Event - Columbia, MO on Sunday, November 20. See Press release in attachment 1.
 - Mississippi Valley Bike and Outdoor Expo - Collinsville Convention Center on Sunday, 1-15-17 from 10 AM to 4 PM
- 2017 International Trail Symposium
 - We were asked if we would present again, but a shorter session. We would need discussion in committee
- 2017 OT-100/OT-50 Committee
 - Ken Kurtz is volunteering to be race director; however, Roger is suggesting contracting the management out to someone who knows biking.
- Map Sales
 - Poster Map are available
 - New price will be \$20 which will include P&H, Alpine is selling for \$15
 - Free with \$100 donation through the end of the year
 - Holiday Special Time for the Section Maps
 - All for \$99 plus P&H (TBD)

General Administrative Activities, OTA Overhead, General Revenue

- Membership – plan on monthly emails to people who need to renew
- Michelob Ultra Extra Mile Campaign
 - As of this meeting we are at 20.7% of the vote
 - Voting open until November 26
- OT Challenge Hike Planning Update:
 - Steve has 8 hikers signed up and there are 70 people who have expressed interest
 - Over \$5000 has already been pledged
 - To donate to a hiker, go to <https://www.crowdrise.com/OTChallengeHike>
 - To become a virtual hike, go to <https://www.crowdrise.com/virtual-hikers>

Granger-Thye Agreement with USFS for OTA House

- See attachment 2 for the list of things that need to be done. The list is also posted on the white board in the basement

Open Discussion

- It has been suggested that the OTA create a Business Plan that can be used to show that the OTA is a State Trail Organization and present to the Ozark trail Council. Doing so may help leverage additional funds through the RTP network.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Monthly Meeting: December 13, 2016 @ The Alpine Shop, Kirkwood, Mo

Next Board Meeting: November 19th, 2016 @ Potosi

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: To Be Determined

For the OTA

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Secretary, Ozark Trail Association

See the Capitol Christmas Tree on Nov. 20 in Columbia, MO

ROLLA, Mo. (Nov.3 2016) – Every year, a majestic tree from America’s public lands is selected to adorn the U.S. Capitol’s lawn in Washington D.C. This year, that tree is coming from Payette National Forest in Idaho and will be on display for visitors in Missouri at several locations. The City of Columbia and the Mark Twain National Forest, which manages 1.5 million acres of public land in Missouri, will proudly host an event for the public to see the tree for themselves at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO on Nov. 20 from 1:00 [p.m.to](#) 3:00 p.m.

The Capitol Christmas Tree is fun for all ages to view. The Mark Twain National Forest and the USFS Northern Research Station will have representatives available at the event to share information about the benefits public lands provide—recreation, clean water, firewood, and so much more. The Ozark Trail Association and the Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen will also be there to talk to people about the great volunteer work they have accomplished; and they can connect anyone interested in helping keep trails maintained and waterways free of trash with future volunteer opportunities. University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry will be roasting chestnuts for visitors as well!

Along with the truck carrying the Capitol Christmas Tree, the Big Idaho Potato Truck will also be onsite. This truck travels the country promoting the certified heart-healthy Idaho Potato and its mission to help small charities with its A Big Helping program.

The 2016 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree is an 80 foot Engelmann spruce, a native tree species from the Payette National Forest. This year’s tree meets all the requirements—65 to 85 feet tall, having full branches around the entire tree, having a rich green color and a cylindrical shape. The tree will begin its 3,900 mile, cross-country journey from the Payette National Forest on November 5. The tour will start with a community celebration in McCall, Idaho and travel to several cities in Idaho before starting its nation-wide tour on November 15. Visit www.capitolchristmastree.com/the-tree/2016-tour/ to see the tree’s schedule. More than 25 community celebrations are being planned, culminating with the official tree lighting in early December.

The Nov. 20 event will take place in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO. Parking for the event will be in the northwest parking lot off of Hutchens Dr. and Interstate 70 Dr. SW (just south of I-70 at exit 124).

If you can’t make this event; but really want to see the tree in person before it makes its way to Washington D.C., some other nearby stops include:

- Kansas City, MO (Nov. 19 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Union Station Kansas City, 30 W Pershing Rd)
- Columbia, MO (Nov. 20 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia Mall, 2200 I-70 Drive S.W.)
- St. Louis, MO (Nov. 21 from 6:00am to 7:00am at KSDK-TV 1000 Market Street)
- Paducah, KY (Nov. 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Noble Park, 2801 Park Ave)
- Paducah, KY (Nov. 22 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Noble Park, 2801 Park Ave)

Attachment 2 – Granger-Thye Agreement with USFS for OTA House

OPERATING PLAN SPECIAL USE PERMIT - POT22803 Ozark Trail Association

This operating plan is an agreement between the USDA Forest Service and the Ozark Trail Association on the use of the rangers dwelling at the Potosi Ranger Site. This site will be used as an office by the Ozark Trail Association.

This permit is under the Granger-Thyme authority. The fee for the permit will be waived as the Ozark Trail Association is a non-profit entity and they partnership with the Forest Service to maintain trails on National Forest Land. Reference fee waivers in FSM 2709.11, section 31.22b.

The utilities will be paid by the Ozark Trail Association.

The association will be financially responsible for all repairs (major or minor), maintenance and cleaning. This will include:

1. Paint basement area and finish outside painting, including exterior support columns and gutters and downspouts.
2. Replace and paint soffit and fascia, as needed.
3. Power wash and stain/seal cedar siding on back porch.
4. Cleaning of guttering as needed.
5. Patch holes in basement ceiling to restore fire barrier, including laundry chute.
6. Install outlet cover for garage door opener and remove unguarded electrical fixture or replace with guarded fixture.
7. Remove kitchen exhaust fan and fix hole.
8. Remove and replace kitchen carpet with vinyl or linoleum.
9. Install exterior lighting along exterior back walkway/stairs.
10. Install emergency fixtures throughout structure. (Exit signs-fire extinguishers)
11. Trimming of shrubs and trees near the house as needed.
12. Air conditioning and heating maintenance as needed.

13. Routine maintenance as needed.

14. Develop and submit a plan for the grounds of the property including the damaged chain link fence.

At times, the OTA may be required to allow others working for the Forest Service to occupy the dwelling on a temporary basis; however, OTA will not be responsible for any damages or liability due to negligence on those occupying the building on behalf of the Forest Service.

Rebecca R. Ewing District Ranger	Date
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Roger Allison Ozark Trail Association President	Date
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