



**Ozark Trail Association
Monthly Business Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2023**

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

Attendees: Jeff Goetter, Kathie Brennan, Roger Allison, James Schneider, Mark Goforth, Garrett Doak, Tim Seener, Terry Hawn, Steve Liescheidt, Hannah Hussey, John Nies

Kathie - President

- Recap of the 20th anniversary event
 - Cost: Bass gave us dinner at cost, just paid band, cupcakes
- All the existing Ozark Trail is now NRT, just waiting for the final document.
- AmeriCorps week just finished with Alex and Caitlin leading.
- Meeting with Shane, current GAOA funding will be closed at end of April, additional funding is being requested starting May 2023 for \$180K, may get another trail worker and we want to keep them on for the next run.
- Met with Zone 2 Trail person, Jessica talked about timber sales, and they will be handling it differently than Zone 1

Terry – C&M

- Events are scheduled.
- Mega should be working on the Harmon Springs reroute once approved.
- Hoping to get another AmeriCorps crew before April GAOA close out.

Kathie - Outreach

- Working on having a Wilderness First Aid Class on for May 20th and 21st
- Mar 31 to April 1 is the Outdoor Expo, need volunteers.
- AAT has 45 sections open, Liatrix will be taking over as coordinator soon, one change is the sending out of AAT stuff will be done from Potosi.
- May 13, Ozark Riverways Foundation event Upper Current Celebration at Big Rock Candy Mountain, Jadwin, MO
- We have been asked to take part in Jr Ranger Day at Alley Springs on May 3rd.
- April 21 & 22 Alpine Shop Outdoor Expo

Fundraiser events

- Trivia night brought in \$8500.
- May 2nd – OCH – only 8 or 9 signed up right now.
- 1ed in September
- Devils toll is open for registration.
- 3 legged – would like to change date, but permits did not allow that, so 8/19. would like more volunteers to help direct traffic.

Hannah

- Finance Committee is offering to help support the other committees when it comes to forecasting the costs. Any program or committee can partner with the Finance Committee to support them.

Trail Planning and Development

1. USGS TRAILS tool workshop and new committee member – USGS PM is named Elizabeth.
2. Trail location data – We need a change management process.
 - a. What is the source of truth and who owns it?
 - b. What roles do the land managers play?
 - c. Do we understand or care who and how this data is consumed? For example, the USGS
 - d. Do we need a defined and documented change management and control process for all impacted stakeholders and users?
3. West Plains meeting tentatively targeted for March 27
4. Discussion with Mayor Bob @ OTA celebration
 - a. Devils Tollgate awareness and engagement
 - b. Trail town development
5. Water Trail – alignment and implications
 - a. Started a because a canoe and kayak group was interested in, but MDC would not recognize the trail unless it went from the Merrimac source to the Mississippi. The water trail may be the best way to get some kind of trail to the STL area.

Next Monthly Business Meeting: March 14, 2023, via Zoom

Next Board Meeting: April 29, 2023, at the Potosi Office. Zoom should also be available.

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: March 2, 2023, via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

For the OTA

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Secretary, Ozark Trail Association

OZARK RIVERWAYS FOUNDATION UPPER CURRENT RIVER CELEBRATION



MAY 13, 2023

**BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN
JADWIN, MO.**



**JOIN US AS WE SPEND THE DAY CELEBRATING
THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE UPPER
CURRENT RIVER, FROM MONTAUK TO AKERS.**

**BOOK FESTIVAL & AUTHORS CRAFTS & VENDORS
CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS MUSIC**

9 AM Dry Land Basics/River Safety. **Stop by the booth
to 11 AM for your Akers Ferry 20% Discount Coupon off
of boat rental.** Good for this weekend only.

10 AM Join in an hour of story sharing with
community members. Come and tell a
story or listen to history from the area.

10 AM Ozark Artisans and Crafters Demonstrations
to 4 PM and Vendors.

11 AM Ozark Regional Book Festival with Guest
to 2 PM Speakers Loring Bullard, Kaitlyn McConnell,
Marsha Thauwald, and Alan Banks

5 PM The Shortleaf Band - Poolside
to Come and enjoy a happy hour with the
6:30 PM Ozark Riverways Foundation Board 5 - 6 PM
**ONE FREE DRINK (BEER OR SODA)
WITH A PAID CONCERT TICKET**

6:30 PM 2023 Induction into the National Freshwater
Fishing Hall of Fame Mark Van Patten, inductee

7 PM The Baker Family Bluegrass Concert
Requires Paid Concert Ticket \$15

