

## Ozark Trail Association Monthly Business Meeting Zoom Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023

## Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. by Terry Hawn

**Attendees**: Jeff Goetter, Terry Hawn, Liatris Studer, Kayla Brinkley, Tim Seener, Abi Jackson, Fred, James Schneider, Garrett Doak, Stephen Thompson, Roger Allison

- LAD will be holding their annual BBQ on May 18 family; we normally have representation there.
- An AmeriCorps crew is coming in and will be working in the Sutton Bluff area.
- Just a few events left for the spring, but the team is out doing their things.
- Challenge hike will be low on fund raising, but all should be good things.
- Kayla Brinkley did a demo on the ARC GIS system and the USGS TRAILS tool was discussed.
- Jim S will be attending the Missouri Land Trust Coalition annual meeting June 13-14 in Springfield MO.
- Jim was looking for clarification on what we are going to do with the Water Trail. The trail will be listed on the new OT brochure DNR is printing, but there will not be any official approval from all the agencies.
- Jim S opened a discussion about posting a notice for board nominations on the media sites. Jim will do up a draft and share it with everyone.
- Jim S. shared the status of the Job Descriptions project for leadership positions and committee members.
  - President Open
  - Vice President Open
  - Treasurer Open
  - Secretary Completed
  - Finance Committee Chair- Completed
  - Finance Committee member Completed.
  - Membership Coordinator Completed
  - Trail Planning and Development Chair Completed
    - TP&D Committee member Completed and posted
    - o GIS Analyst Drafted, pending feedback from Kayla
  - Construction and Maintenance Chair Open
  - Education and Outreach Chair Open
  - Communication Chair Open
  - Recruiting and Nominating Completed
  - R&N Committee member Completed and posted.
- Jim S proposed the committee descriptions on the web site be revised and updated to be more mission focused and less task focused.

**Example**: Trail Planning and Development

**Current Description**: Recommends current trail projects, develops longer-range plans that address future projects and identifies funding for them.

**Proposed Description**: The TP&D Committee leads our efforts to close the gaps and complete the Ozark Trail. We are developing future trail routes and trail design. We leverage ARC GIS technology to plan new trail corridors and track our planning progress. Committee members engage and partner with local community and government leaders, landowners, and land managers to obtain the rights and permission to enable us to construct new trail. As needed, we partner with other OTA committees to obtain funding to secure these rights.

• Sierra Club and the Blair Creek Adoption: Liatris is still looking for the info that was discussed at the board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Monthly Business Meeting: June 9, 2023, via Zoom

**Next Board Meeting:** August 5, 2023, at the Potosi Office and Zoom will also be available.

Next Ozark Trail Council Meeting: TBD

For the OTA

Jeffery J Goetter
Jeffery J Goetter

Secretary, Ozark Trail Association