

Minutes of Meeting
Central Arkansas Trail Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2014
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mitchell, Blackstock, Ivers & Sneddon, PLLC
1010 West 3rd Street
Little Rock, AR 72203

Board members present: Joe Jacobs, Matt Goddard, Brett Budolfson, Basil Hicks Jr., Tyler Neese and Bruce Alt.

Board members absent: Mike Mitchell, Jon Moran, Jeremy Martin, Tyler Neese, and David Reckert

Guests present: Van Phifer, Arkansas Mountain Bike Patrol

Welcome and Introductions

CATA President Bruce Alt welcomed the Officers and Directors to the meeting. He introduced the guest, Van Phifer.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2014 as distributed to the Directors.

Arkansas Mountain Bike Patrol Report

Van Phifer presented an overview of the purpose and proposed operation of the Patrol. He said the Patrol's volunteer participants would provide a valuable "eyes and ears" service as ambassadors for land and trail managers. The City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept. was the Patrol's first partner, and would provide first aid and CPR training.

Treasurer's Report

No report was presented in Kay Crutchfield's absence.

Vice President's Report

No report was presented in Mike Mitchell's absence.

Pump Track Project Report

Brett reported that he and Basil had investigated the potential for constructing a pump track at Western Hills Park with Norm Berner, Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept. The next step in the project's development was to provide an estimate for Progressive Trail Design to provide a site assessment. It was the consensus of the Board to estimate this work at \$8,000 and for Brett and Basil to report this estimate to Norm.

Trail Stewardship

Basil Hicks reported that the Camp Robinson trail workday on April 13 resulted in the construction of a bridge and ten miles of trail cleaning.

Basil also reported that he had led a group of high school students from Central AR Christian Academy on a trail stewardship project at Boyle Park, in conjunction with a Little Rock Park Cleanup event.

Joe discussed the current construction work at Allsopp Park and suggested that the opportunity for trail reconstruction and rehabilitation would be feasible when construction was completed.

Arkansas Trails Day

Matt Goddard reported that the Arkansas Trails Day event at Burns Park on May 31 would feature a mountain bike ride in the morning, followed by stewardship and safety talks. CATA members would be invited to participate.

Membership

Bruce Alt reviewed the current CATA/IMBA membership list, obtained from IMBA staff. He agreed to distribute it to Board members via email for their review, to allow each Director to encourage potential members to join CATA.

PR, Communications and Media Relations

Joe Jacobs reviewed a draft banner design and invited comments and suggestions. The CATA banner would be displayed at CATA workdays and events to promote membership and awareness. He agreed to distribute a revised draft design to Directors for further review. In addition, Joe announced that Arkansas Outside would donate the banner to CATA.

Board members reviewed the CATA work t-shirt design that Jeremy Martin had developed and gave approval for shirts to be made.

Advocacy

No report was presented in Jon Moran's absence.

Trail Development

Bruce reviewed the current strategy for gaining access and the requisite approvals to allow mountain biking on a section of the Ouachita Trail along the North side of Lake Maumelle. Once the FoOT (Friends of the Ouachita Trail) Board agreed to support MTB use of the trail, then CATA would go to Greg Butts, Director of AR State Parks, for approval. He announced that he and Mike Mitchell had been invited to make a presentation on CATA at the FoOT Board meeting in Hot Springs on April 30.

Link Users

Bruce reminded members that several other topics already discussed were related to our purpose of linking trail users. He was still working with IMBA's Steve Schneider to develop a working model for allowing COG and other AR trail users to affiliate with CATA.

Other Business

Bruce reminded Board members that CATA would need to obtain required insurance coverage soon.

Next Board Meeting

No date was set.

Adjournment

Bruce Alt asked if there were any other matters to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.