

CATA Board Meeting Minutes 5/3/2017

Trail Maintenance and Stewardship

-Much discussion around the tools that CATA has available for workdays. Concerns regarding the number of tools available is not sufficient for our workdays if we continue to get 50+ people at workdays (this is a good problem to have!).

-Decision was made to get a cost estimate on the items listed below and try to find a local sponsor for additional tools.

- Loppers
- Pro-hoes or McCloud's
- Small hand held blowers
- Chainsaw
- Handsaws
- Picks
- Grinder (to sharpen and maintain tools)

-Sponsors: Bob and Joe - committed to lobbying for sponsorships and developing helping to develop a sponsorship level for CATA contributors (e.g. Levels at \$500, \$1000, \$1500, \$2000 with names for each level)

Trail Signage in Central AR (Summer timeline)

-Matt wants to focus on developing a sign for trail systems beginning with Camp Robinson to guide new and out-of-town visitors around the trail system. This would consist of a main trailhead kiosk map and another 3-4 strategically placed smaller maps within the trail system. This effort could be expanded to other trail systems around Central Arkansas with necessary approvals.

- Signage could be supported by local donors
- Brett and Matt to lead this project

CATA Happy Hour at Lost 40 (next week?)

-Following our last successful Happy Hour at Lost 40, we Lost 40 has been contacted to host another with the goal being monthly Happy Hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month. May 11 would be the next event date.

- Matt to discuss with John Beachboard at Lost 40

Proposal for Central Arkansas Water Commission concerning OT access north of Lake Maumelle.

-Mike, David Knight, Bruce Alt, and Matt Goddard met with Tad Bohannon (Central AR Water CEO) in April

-Tad was supportive, but said that his commission would have to approve of this
-CATA to draft a proposal to send to the Governors Commission on Cycling as he wants to see this happen, gain the governors approval, then approach commission members for their individual support and approval

-Bruce and Matt to draft this document and send to Joe Jacobs who will take it to the governor to sign off on.

Next steps in moving forward on Allsopp Park/Boyle Park/Camp Robinson/Burns Park/Etc. - Joe to post these on CATA website

-TBD Return to Allsopp to finish phase 1 efforts there, clean up storm damage, and trim back weeds (Cliff Li to head up this effort at Allsopp)

-May 13 - Mills Park (Bryant) - workday to develop new trail here (member Chris Randle is spearheading this effort)

-May 20 - Camp Robinson - Workday to clean up limbs, clear trail of weeds, and repair storm damaged bridges (Basil Hick Jr., and Basil III to lead)

-June 3 - Boyle Park - workday to clean up the trail and clear weeds, limbs, etc. (Joe Jacobs)

Issues with IMBA

-Mixed emotions on the recent news from IMBA regarding their restructuring, layoffs, and new revenue share guidelines. Several chapters are looking to part ways with IMBA and self govern their own local organization in the wake of this news, fearful that IMBA may not be able to recover.

-Upon recommendation by Mike Mitchell, it was decided that our board would draft a letter to IMBA stating our support of the organization, but stating our concerns moving forward. The letter would contain specific questions and concerns of the board and challenge them to answer these for our organization. (Mike, Joe, Matt to draft this letter and submit to Dave Weins, new IMBA CEO)

Other discussion??

-Bob updated us on NICA and the recent coaches clinic held. Lots of momentum and interest in making Boyle Park the local training course for the teams. Also interested in bring a NICA event to Camp Robinson.

-Bob said that interest is increasing in the sport and seeing numbers locally rise quickly. He also expects to have a girls to have a separate team in the near future