

Minutes of Meeting
Central Arkansas Trail Alliance (CATA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2015
6:00 – 8:35 p.m.

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

Board members present: Brett Budolfson, Basil Hicks Jr. Mike Mitchell, Joe Jacobs, Jeremy Martin, Tyler Neese and Bruce Alt

Board members absent: Matt Goddard, David Reckert, Kay Crutchfield, and Jon Moran

Welcome and Introductions

CATA President Bruce Alt welcomed the Officers and Directors to the meeting.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the last Board meeting on October 27, 2014.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had texted Mike and Bruce that the CATA checking account balance is \$735.72.

Vice President's Report

Mike Mitchell reported that he and Bruce had visited the Academics Plus Charter School in Maumelle to discuss the potential of starting a mountain biking recreational program with the principal. He reported that he had made a presentation to the school board and received a positive response. It was agreed that the next step would be to investigate potential support and funding from local sources such as Stephens and Dillards.

Western Hills Park Update

Brett and Basil reported on presenting a draft concept plan to Steve Johnson and Mark Webre, Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept. Efforts were currently underway to present this plan to City Manager Bruce Moore for approval. It was the consensus of the Board that the City would have to demonstrate serious cooperation and intent to complete this project before CATA would commit funding for pump track and trail design.

Wildcat Mountain MTB Trail Project

Basil reported that he and Bruce had hiked a portion of the old mtb trail at Wildcat Mtn. near Lake Sylvania, west of Little Rock on the Ouachita National Forest. Brett explained that the old Girl Scout camp at Lake Sylvania, complete with cabins, was owned by the AR Game and Fish Commission and that they wanted

to develop a future use plan for the facility. Members discussed working with USDA Forest Service personnel to obtain permission to rehabilitate the existing trails, and determine the feasibility for constructing additional singletrack trails. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the Forest Service to obtain permission to clear the existing trails and return them to active MTB use. Joe Jacobs volunteered to contact Todd Henne and learn more about how best to approach the Forest Service.

Possible Trails on Private Development North of Lake Maumelle

Joe Jacobs explained that he had been contacted by a home subdivision developer about constructing trails.

Possible Kids Pump Track and Ride Center

Joe Jacobs explained that the property at the old quarry along the River Trail in North Little Rock might be available for recreational use.

2015 Big Rock Mountain Bike Festival

Joe Jacobs reviewed the success of the inaugural 2014 festival held on Saturday, October 4 at Boyle Park, Little Rock. Approximately 50 kids attended. Members discussed conducting another festival on October 3, 2015 at either Boyle Park or Campbell Park (north side of the Big Dam Bridge). It was the consensus of the Board that CATA should sponsor and conduct the 2015 Take a Kid MTB Day in conjunction with the Big Rock MTB Festival.

Possible Newsletter

Bruce Alt asked the Board if it was time to consider publishing a periodic newsletter for CATA members and partners. After discussion, Tyler Neese volunteered to develop a draft using MailChimp.

General Membership Meeting

Members discussed conducting a general membership meeting with a one year anniversary celebration theme. Venues suggested were the new Lost Forty pub, the Flying Saucer's basement, or the Capital Hotel. Subjects/speakers suggested were the Jessieville Forest Service District Ranger (Wildcat Mtn.), the Forest Service's Trails Coordinator, the Principal of the Academics Plus Charter School, and an IMBA Update.

Trail Stewardship

Basil discussed the success of the January 4 Workday at Camp Robinson which drew 31 participants. He also outlined current trail maintenance needs. It was time to blow the trails at Boyle Park. All the trails at Camp Robinson had been blown and three reroutes had been marked for the workday conducted on Jan. 4. Up to five trees need to be cut off the Jackfork Trail and the leaves blown on Rabbit Ridge. Bruce proposed that CATA participate in Little Rock's upcoming Keep Little Rock Beautiful Day in March.

Little Rock Bike Friendly Committee

Brett asked that he be named to serve on the Committee as CATA's representative. It was the consensus of the Board to name Brett Budolfson CATA's representative to the Little Rock Bike Friendly Committee.

Adjournment

Bruce asked if there was any other business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Alt, President