

Minutes of Meeting

Central Arkansas Trail Alliance (CATA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Board members present: Bruce Alt, Brett Budolfson, Basil Hicks, Jr., Mike Mitchell, Tyler Neese

Board members absent: Jeremy Martin, Matt Goddard, Joe Jacobs, Kristi Tucker, David Reckert

Welcome and Introductions

CATA President Bruce Alt welcomed the Directors and to the meeting. He announced that since five directors were in attendance that there was not a quorum and no votes would be recorded.

Trail Stewardship

Basil Hicks reviewed his recent visit to Western Hills Park to consult with Little Rock Parks and Recreation officials on the development of a natural surface trail. He reported that the new hiking trail at Wildwood Park for the Performing Arts was dedicated. CATA members Sharon Saunders, Bruce Alt, Basil Hicks, Jr. and Basil Hicks III contributed over 120 man-hours to the construction of this trail.

Basil said that CATA should return to Wildcat Mountain to finish this project in the upcoming winter of 2015-2016.

In addition, he said that we should conduct a workday at Boyle Park in mid-September to prepare the trails for our Oct. 3 Big Rock MTB Festival. Additional reroutes, trimming and trail improvements would be scheduled at Camp Robinson this fall.

Next General Membership Meeting

Joe Jacobs had investigated conducting a “movie night” at the Capital Hotel and other downtown venues. However, this event has not yet been definitively scheduled.

FY 2015 Budget

The draft budget was not reviewed due to the lack of a proper quorum.

Central Arkansas Water Recreational Plan Development

Mike Mitchell reported that CAW had retained a consultant to develop recommendations for a master recreation plan. A public meeting is scheduled for August 27. All CATA Board members are invited to attend and speak in support of allowing mountain bikes on CAW trails.

Directors discussed the possible information that could be presented at the meeting. Brett volunteered to investigate research results pertaining to mountain biking trails in municipal watersheds. It was suggested that our approval from the Friends of the Ouachita Trail and the AR State Parks for allowing mountain bikes on the Ouachita Trail along the north shore of Lake Maumelle be submitted.

Resignation of Director

Bruce announced that David Reckert had voluntarily resigned as a Director. He thanked David for his service to CATA.

Directors suggested possible candidates for the two open Director positions. They included Melissa Shipman, Tina Mitchell and Cliff Li. Bruce volunteered to ask each person if they would be interested in serving.

Next Board Meeting

No date was set.

Adjournment

Bruce asked if there was any other business to consider. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.