

Minutes CATA General Meeting

March 10, 2014

The meeting was held at the Little Rock Main Library 100 Rock St., Little Rock, AR 72201

The meeting was called to order by CATA President Bruce Alt at 6:15pm.

The Board members present were introduced.

The following speakers gave presentations:

- Steve Schneider, IMBA Southcentral Regional Director
 - CATA is officially an IMBA chapter.
If you join you become an IMBA / CATA member. IMBA and CATA split the proceeds.
 - Recommends paying the minimum amount of \$30. Any additional money should not be donated to IMBA; it should be given directly to CATA's Treasurer Kay Crutchfield.
- Eric Leamon – Conway – President, Central AR Offroad Group
 - Cadron Settlement Park was the central focus for organizing.
 - Invited us to come out and ride Cadron.
- Update from Basil Hicks Jr., CATA Director of Stewardship
 - Discussed work at Western Hills and Burns Parks over the weekend.
 - Work day at Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Jackfork Trail on Sunday, March 23
 - Trail work is always ongoing at Camp Robinson – there will now be a plastic box of tools and a signup sheet to volunteer for sections of trail.
- Van Phifer
 - Arkansas Mountain Bike Patrol agreement has been signed by the Executive Director of the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept. He will be looking for volunteers to join the patrol.
- Mike Mitchell
 - Application with the IRS for non-profit status - in progress.
 - Thanks to Bell & Co. for their generous \$500 donation that allowed CATA to become an IMBA Chapter.
- Norm Berner – Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept.
 - Thanks to Van and CATA members for agreeing to be part of the MTB patrol effort.
- Judge Buddy Villines, Pulaski County Judge, and co-architect of the Big Dam Bridge and AR River Trail
 - Southwest Trail – Connecting Pulaski and Garland Counties, Little Rock to Hot Springs
 - Covered history of the Big Dam Bridge – he largely led the effort to build the bridge.
 - His message is if we can do the Big Dam Bridge, we can do anything.
 - All judges, mayors, and chambers of commerce are on board for the Southwest Trail.
 - This is an urban trail that can be ridden, walked, etc.

- Pat Hays, former Mayor of North Little Rock, and co-architect of the Big Dam Bridge and AR River Trail
 - Focused on Lake Maumelle Trail – most land owned by Central Arkansas Water. It will only take a vote by CAW Board unless the trail goes across any wetlands, then the Corps of Engineers will have to approve.
 - He wants to encourage trail use around Lake Maumelle and supports our efforts to open the trails to MTB.
- Mason Ellis, Southwest Trail project
 - Southwest Trail Presentation – Pulaski, Saline, Garland Counties (LR to Hot Springs)
- Michael Sprague, State Trails Coordinator, AR Trails Council
 - Asked everyone for input on the new website that is being developed.
 - Keeps database of trails in the state.
- Bert Turner, AR Master Naturalist
 - May 31 is Arkansas Trails Day at Burns Park.
 - Lot of upgrades to the MTB trail at Burns – go check it out.
- Bruce Alt
 - Membership is open - Go to IMBA website to join CATA.
 - \$30 / membership.