

Arkansas Trails Council
Fall Quarterly Meeting
10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017
Pinnacle Mountain State Park
Minutes

Taken and written by Toby Von Rembow and Mike Sprague

Meeting Commenced

Brief introductions were made

A new draft Arkansas Trails Council Website, including an Arkansas Trails System draft map, were presented and discussed.

Comments were positive.

A gallery of photos was suggested for the new site.

Website Calendar encourages ATC participants/attendees to share upcoming volunteer opportunities and upcoming trail events was mentioned.

Jim Gifford made a motion to go live with the new Website as soon as possible. Charles Kincade seconded, and motion passed.

Kim Sanders suggested an Arkansas Symposium tab on the new website.

Elections of Officers

Toby Von Rembow was re-nominated for Arkansas Trails Council Chair by Jim Gifford and Seconded by Charles Kincade and voted in for another term.

Bill Jackson was nominated for Vice Chair of the Arkansas Trails Council by Jim Gifford and seconded by Charles Kincade and voted in.

Organizational Updates

Toby Von Rembow talked about the company he works for—Rogue Trails. They are currently working on trails in Camp Orr, Bentonville and Mount Kessler. They are also maintaining trails at Bear Hollow Natural Area. There is also a possible hiking trail being discussed at Devil's Knob Natural Area.

Jim Gifford announced Friends of the Ouachita Trail (FoOT) will have a three-day work party (Oct. 27 – 29) in the Oklahoma portion. Details at friends.ot.org.

Charles Kincade announced the he and Trudy Kincade performed trail maintenance on rerouted section of trail at Burns Park.

Kirsten Bartlow talked about Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's (AGFC) Virtual water trails and georeferenced pdfs including the newly-opened Rabbit Tail Water Trail on Lake Ouachita. She also spoke about the new Little Maumelle River Water Trail camping platform; Ouachita Kayak tours; and that the next water trail being worked on will be at H Lake in the Dale Bumpers (Lower White River) National Wildlife Refuge.

Kim Sanders said the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) Commission meets 2nd week of October to review RTP/TAP grants. Notices to grant awardees should be out towards the end of October.

Robert Kacir talked about LR Hikers recently becoming a non-profit; and that he is leading an introduction to orienteering in upcoming outing.

Bill Jackson from the Ouachita National Forest spoke about the Texas Conservation Corp plan for work with FoOT and Trail Dogs; Ouachita National Forest special use permits to be 3-5-year permits instead of yearly; There are 52 vacant positions with the Ouachita National Forest, 49 may be filled soon; A wilderness conference is ongoing in Russelville that representatives of the Ouachita National Forest are attending; The Ouachita National Forest will have a wilderness-character evaluation within next four years; and Mountain Valley Water has sponsored FoOT.

Meeting was adjourned.

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