

Revised Minutes of the Ouachita Mountain Hikers Executive Board Meeting

June 17, 2016

Executive Board Members Present: Debbie Van Veghel, Tom Calhoun, Ralph Butler, Susan Holick, Jeannie Eichler. (Non-voting) Marilyn Hall, OMH Merchandise coordinator.

Call to Order: Debbie convened the breakfast meeting at 9:35 a.m. at Home Plate Restaurant.

Order of Business:

1. Reimbursement for gas: A request was made to increase car reimbursement costs for carpooling from \$.07 a mile to \$.10 per mile starting with the fall hiking season. **Following a discussion, the board reached a consensus to keep the rate at \$.07 a mile.**
2. The nominating committee is in place for 2017. Ralph Butler is chairman with Ben Glazer, Jim Gifford, and Linda Branim serving on the committee. Slate of officers are usually in place and announced at the September Welcome-Back Hike. According to the bylaws, they must be presented to the general membership no later than 30 days before voting at the November (11/17) meeting. The Historian position is an appointed position and would be effective 9/8/16. The committee is looking for a President, Vice-President and Historian.

Historian position: A suggestion was put forth about possibly looking at the position in another way, going forward. We discussed the job description #2 (Attend as many hikes and trips as possible...) If this is keeping volunteers from coming forward, would it be possible to depend more on the pictures submitted to Tom Calhoun and Rick Ericson from each of the trail hikes? (This is per instructions included in all hike flashes.) There is a need for the historian to use the submitted pictures and candid shots when developing the annual photo album but possibly not attend all hikes and trips.

Several ideas were suggested in order to obtain photos:

- a.) continue sending out announcements in the Hike Flash to submit hike pictures.
- b.) Hike leader appoint a designated photographer for the hike he/she leads.
- c.) It was also suggested that hike leaders be sent an Email copy of the "Hike Leaders Corner" at the beginning of each year...to refresh the hike leader of his/her duties.

This will be brought up at the Hike Leader Meeting on June 23, 2016.

3. Treasure report: Jeannie Eichler
Linda Branim will be an amazing treasurer. (She keeps great records, is excited about the job, and has been shadowing Jeannie this year.)
\$4692.59 currently in bank
\$245.00 dues have been paid for the coming year.
362 current members
36 Hike Leaders
99 Life members
43 hikers completed OT

Discussed a need to file for a tax-exempt # since the club is for non-profit and the account is in the name of Ouachita Mountain Hikers. Debbie will research this and start proceedings.

4. Vice-President duties remaining for this year: Donna Hill
 - Plan program and/or speaker for our September meeting following Welcome Back Hike/Picnic.
 - Plan program for November club meeting.
 - Plan program for January club meeting
 - Organize September picnic and December Christmas Party.

Let Donna know if you have any suggestions of topics and/or speakers of interest.
5. Webmaster/Website: Tom Calhoun

6. Tom will start back posting hikes for September 8, 2016 after taking the summer months off. Hike leaders need to refresh their minds and read the instruction for submitting their Hike Flash.
7. OMH Merchandise: Marilyn Hall
A unanimous resolution was passed to purchase 56 more tee shirts.
The order was placed. Marilyn will have the tee shirts on hand at the Welcome Back Hike in September.
18 shirts on hand currently
56 were ordered on June 1, 2016 costing \$460.50
8. Trail Maintenance: Ralph Butler reminded us that after a volunteer has served 50 hours of maintenance, he/she gets a free shirt. Marilyn will order another supply when needed.
9. Membership dues: Board recommended and voted that the \$5.00 remain the same.
10. Discussed how to increase attendance at meetings.
11. Discussed the coordination of OMH with Basecamp. Debbie will talk to Jim Gifford (liaison) about what steps are taken when Basecamp joins us for hikes.
12. Sondra Hartt may be interested in organizing a club trip next spring to Moab, Utah in early May if we can get someone to volunteer handling the hike portion of the trip. If this is a possibility we would need to get things organized by the end of the year. Contact Sondra Hartt.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Holick, Secretary