

Minutes of the Ouachita Mountain Hikers Meeting

November 17, 2016

Executive Board Members Present: Debbie Van Veghel, Donna Hill, Jeannie Eichler, Tom Calhoun, David Tedrahn, Susan Holick, Ralph Butler, and Ernie Weidenberger (non-voting)

Attending: Twenty-seven (27) members were present.

Call to Order: 6:00 P. M. Garland County Library

President's Report: Debbie called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

Treasurer/Membership Report: Jeannie announced current balance is \$5119.00.

Current Members: 288 Hike leaders: 35 Lifetime members: 106
Ouachita Trail completion: 39 current members

Rick Ericson announced the 2016 OMH Album (Shutterfly) is available for sale. He can get the book at the best price. Two books were on hand to view.

Trail Maintenance Report: Ralph Butler reported **that** the club has had three work days: Sept. 13 -trail section: OT in Flatside Wilderness; MM 168.8 to MM 170.6 Oct. 4 - trail section: Hunt's Loop Nov. 8 –trail section: OT in Flatside Wilderness; MM 170.6 to MM 172. Members participating: Jack Makemson, Jim Gifford, Joe Breashears, Rick Ericson, Theresa Deano, Ralph Butler. New club member. **Dennis Ward, has taken a very active role with maintenance, trail adoption, and shelter building.**

Upcoming work day: November 22---assist Lake Ouachita State Park on Dogwood Trail.

Election of Officers: Jim Davis, President Theresa Keyser, Vice-President/Programs Linda Branim, Treasure/Membership.
Susan Holick will remain as Secretary.

Ernie Weidenberger will be Historian-- Tom Calhoun will remain Webmaster/Hike Flash Coordinator.—Ralph Butler will remain Trail Maintenance Chairman— David Tedrahn will remain Hike Chairman.

Vice President Report: Donna requested Christmas music CD, DVD or other presentations for “Conversation Starters” at the upcoming OMH Christmas Party. [A proposal was passed, with full approval of board, to pay Christmas Party expenses of \\$225.00.](#)

Debbie Van Vehgel shared a short slide presentation of Great Overnight OMH Hiking Trips which always turn out to be great fun for all.

Program: David Blankenship, OMH hiker and photographer, showed “Exploring Utah” video presentation of his adventures in Southern Utah.

Announcements:

Joe Breashears is planning a bush-whacking adventure at Richardson Bottoms and requested others to join him in the spelunking adventure.

Mike Curran is leading a Summer Trip in Colorado (Telluride) the second week of July, 2017.

There are still some opportunities for hikes, hike leaders, Spring and Summer trips.

Tee Shirts are still available for sale.

Overnight at Lake Norfolk is Dec. 6-8.—lead by Rick Ericson, coordinated by Marilyn Hall

Christmas Party---Thursday, December 16 -- 5:00-8 pm Coronado Community Center

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Holick, Secretary