

## Revised Minutes of Ouachita Mountain Hikers Member Meeting

January 19, 2017

Jim Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 at the Garland County Library, conference room. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

### Reports:

- Theresa Keyser, VP/Program Chair: asked for volunteers for the HSV Expo on February 27 and HSV Community Fair on April 5. Bonnie Baldwin, Linda Branim, and Darrel Hill volunteered. More information about these two fairs is on the OMH website and other volunteers are needed. Contact Theresa.
- The program for March club meeting will be entertaining. Jeff Heitzman, retired HSNP Ranger will present "The Health of Hiking in the National Park."
- Susan Holick, Secretary: Minutes of executive board meeting are approved and posted on the OMH website.
- Linda Branim, Treasurer: Members-294 Hike leaders-37 Current members completed OT-39 Lifetime members-106. Account Balance: \$5026.61.
- Ralph Butler, Trail Maintenance Chair: Report: Work day scheduled for Dec. 13 was cancelled. Work day on January 19: Trail Section: OT in Flatside Wilderness; MM 172.0 to MM 175.0. Cleared water drains, lopped tree limbs, removed several trees from the trail. Eleven members participated: Jack Makemson, Tom Blumenberg, Pat Miller, Joe Breashears, Rick Ericson, Mike Curren, Debbie Van Vagel, Marie Michalets, Anita Moore, Mike Zeller, Ralph Butler.
- Ernie Weidenberger, Historian: Send your trail hike pictures to Ernie and Tom Calhoun.
- Marilyn Hall: There have been some requests for more safety orange club shirts. When the previous batch was purchased we had to order in increments of 6 per size. We are considering ordering again, but will be taking pre-orders this time. The cost will be based on the price the club pays for them, somewhere between \$15-20.
- Audit Report: Ernie Weidenberger, Marilyn Hall, and Darrel Hill concluded that all receipts, deposits, vouchers and disbursements were accounted for and validated. The audit report was submitted to the Secretary and is appended to these minutes.

- Program: Donna and Darrel Hill showed a video presentation on “Hiking the Oceans,” Scuba-diving in Bonaire and Little Cayman. The presentation showed the colorful life of the plants and fish. They presented many interesting facts about the area and the sea life. It was enjoyed by all.
- Announcements:
- Joy Linker reminded us that February 18 is the Dawn to Dusk hike. After the all-day hiking event, the hikers will meet at Rolando’s for dinner. Shuttle drivers are needed. Contact Joy if you can be of service.
- On the **Hiker's Corner** page under the **Hiker's Reference** tab, we have a new page written by Debbie VanVeghel entitled Hiking at High Altitudes. Check it out!
- Our Hike Chair, Dave Tedrahn has developed a set of maps and elevation profiles from his GPS for (almost) the entire Ouachita Trail! Find this under **Hikers Reference** tab.
- Talk to Mike Currin if you are interested in going hiking on the Telluride Trip scheduled for July 10-15. Already 40 people have signed up to go.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holick, Secretary