

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting and Member Meeting March 16, 2017

Executive Board Members Present: Jim Davis, Linda Branim, Theresa Keyser, Ernie Weidenberger, David Tedrahn, Susan Holick, Tom Calhoun

Other Members Present: Rick Ericson, former historian and keeper of the scrap books; Marilyn Hall, merchandise coordinator.

Call to Order: 5:00 P. M. Garland County Library

Jim Davis convened the meeting by summarizing concerns about walkie-talkie's, compiling and storing photos, and Facebook possibility.

Hike Chairperson—David Tedrahn led a discussion on 2-way communication devices. After much research (ranger station in Jessieville, Dennis Ward-satellite GPS units, on-line comparisons), David made the recommendation to purchase 4 units, 4 batteries and 2 chargers.

The brand will be Motorola or Cobra with a radio range of 35 miles. The cost will be an estimate of \$160-170. All board members agreed and the motion was passed. David will buy the items and agrees to "house" them for any hike leaders who request to use them.

Historian—Ernie Weidenberger led a discussion about the storage of 18 Scrap Books representing about 18 years of club hiking. The questions are: 1. Should we keep the books to preserve the history? 2. Have the pictures put in digital form and store on external hard drive? 3. Cost involved to digitize? 4. Where to store the old books? 5. The physical scrapbooks could possibly be donated to a local library after we do any digitizing.

Rick Ericson, historian for many, many years reminded us how they must be kept in climate controlled condition and that they take up much space.

Jim Davis will take a scrapbook to "Photo Finishers" to get an estimate of the cost to digitize them. He will give a report at the next meeting.

Marilyn Hall, Merchandise coordinator, submitted an order for new hiking shirts.

(See the addendum)

Historian—Ernie brought up the question of whether to have an OMH Facebook page.

Discussion ensued: *upkeep *control * We decided to look for a volunteer among our membership to administer a OMH Facebook page. Tom Calhoun, Webmaster/hike flash coordinator, will put an announcement in the hike flash. If interested in volunteering, contact our president, Jim Davis.

Trail Maintenance Report—Ralph Butler sent in report.

Work Day February 16-- Flatside Wilderness: MM 177.2-179.4 Cleared debris, water drains, lopped limbs. Members participating: Ralph Butler, Glenn Wortham, Jack Makemson, Jeannie

Eichler, Gerald Wheeler, Mike Curran, Anita Moore

Work Day March 16—Flatside Wilderness: MM 175.0-176.0 Cleared water drains, lopped tree limbs removed several trees from trail. Members participating: Ralph Butler, Joe Breashers, Rick Ericson, Mike Curran

Announcements:

1. Hike Leader luncheon will be held at Hibachi Grill on April 14th at 11:45.
2. The logo on the OT tee shirts-- given to those members who complete the 225 miles-- will remain the same. A new order will be placed soon.
3. Christmas Party location will be De Soto Club.
4. Our current hike leaders are "aging out" (Tom's words). We must begin recruiting new hike leaders.

Meeting was adjourned in time for the Membership Meeting at 6:00

**OMH Membership Meeting
March 14, 2017**

Members in attendance: 23

Jim Davis called the meeting to order.

It was reported that there are now 41 current members who have completed the OT. Currently we have 309 members, 37 hike leaders, 106 lifetime members.

The board voted to buy Walkie Talkies. David Tedrahn, hike chairman, will manage them and hike leaders can get them upon request.

The club will be recruiting new hike leaders as some of our hike leaders are "aging out."

Theresa Keyser presented our program speaker, David Blankenship, who presented a wonderful slide presentation on "Black and White Photography."

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holick, OMH secretary

Merchandise Proposal

A proposal was made by Marilyn Hall, merchandise coordinator, to:

1. Purchase 35 Gildan Performance shirts of all sizes to restock our current supply.
2. Lower selling price of Gildan short sleeve shirts from \$12 to \$10
3. Purchase Vapor Apparel blaze orange shirts- with more extras for the best price (36).
4. Sell the Vapor Apparel shirts for \$15.

Board majority approved the spending of \$260.00 plus \$387.00. Marilyn will submit the order to Sew Perfect on March 3, 2017.

This resolution will be attached to the minutes of the March 16th board and membership meeting minutes.

Submitted by Susan Holick, Secretary