

Minutes of the Ouachita Mountain Hikers Board Meeting followed by Membership Meeting

November 16, 2017

Executive Board Members Present: Jim Davis, Theresa Keyser, Susan Holick, Linda Branim, Ralph Butler, Tom Calhoun.

Other Members Present: Club Historian—Ernie Weidenberger, Facebook Page Manager—Keith Hall, Merchandise Coordinator—Marilyn Hall

Call to Order: 5:00 pm, Garland County Library, Hot Springs.

President: no report

Vice President/Program Chair: Theresa reported there were 30 hikers for the Halloweenee Hike. The food was good and all enjoyed.

Theresa led a discussion about the Christmas Party. The Place will be

The De Soto Club. Time: 6:00 pm-mixer 7:00 pm—dinner. A motion was made and passed to have the OMH club supplement the cost of the meal. The De Soto Club cost is \$23.32. The OMH Club will pay \$10.32 a plate so the cost to each member will be \$13.00. The menu will be a choice of pork, chicken, or salmon with sides and dessert. OMH members will make a reservation and send their check to 1 Ponferrada Way.

Secretary: Susan explained the procedure for taking minutes and getting them approved and submitted to Tom Calhoun. The procedure is done through e-mail. Please respond to minutes through e-mail.

Treasure/Membership: Membership is 306. Treasurer report is \$4823.11

Hike Leader: David was absent. We had a short discussion about the costs of shuttling to trailheads. Hiker Etiquette was discussed. There is a need for the hike leaders to explain and enforce rules of etiquette. Some procedures at some of the hikes are getting lax and are not clearly enforced. OMH is a hike club where everyone can come and enjoy but play by the rules. Hiking pace was also discussed. A suggestion was made that there be two hike leaders for the scheduled hike—one leader to lead a fast group and another to lead a slower

group. Clearly, more discussion is needed at future meeting. This was tabled until the next Board meeting when David can lead the discussion.

Trail Maintenance:

Ralph reported that a mistake was made in the hiker schedule for maintenance because the schedule had two trail maintenance days in the same week. He will begin paying for lunch for those who help with trail maintenance as a club expense.

Webmaster/Publicity Chair: no report

Club Historian: Ernie reported to continue to send pictures. Facebook is looking good.

Facebook Manager: Keith is doing a great job managing. He reported 52 members. He submitted a one-page executive summary of the Facebook progress. PROMOTE it. The report is filed with the minutes.

Hot Springs Village Community Fair: Ralph made the motion and the motion carried that OMH not participate in this community fair next year based on the fact that this was not the venue to promote a recreation organization.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 and the membership meeting followed in the meeting room at the library.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Davis. Members present: 20 . The treasurer/membership report was given: 306 members; \$4823.11 currently.

Trail Maintenance: Ralph Butler reported on work days; September 21: Trail Section: Rocky Ridge Little Blakely Trail. Participants: Ralph Butler, Anita Moore, Deanna Clark, Buzz Carpenter, Karen Hall, Jim Gifford, Bob Troutott, Joe Breashers, and Tom Calhoun.

October 19: Trail Section: OT in Flatside Wilderness; MM 168.8 to MM 170.6.

Participants: Ralph Butler, Bill Lammers, Tom Calhoun, Joe Breashers, Joy Linker, Jeanie Calhoun.

November 16: Trail Section: OT in Flatside Wilderness; MM 170.6 to MM 173.5.
Participants: Ralph Butler, Jim Gifford, Joe Breashers, Mike Curran

The nomination for new officer was approved and David Blankenship will be the incoming secretary.

The program was an entertaining account of hiking in Hot Springs National Park in the 1900's. Jeff Hertzman, retired NPR Ranger, was presenter. He showed pictures and gave historical account of the "tramping" in the 1900s. He dressed in the attire of that day—from his hat to his leather puttees (leggings). He showed a map of the hiking trails in the 1900s, and spoke of how exercise was promoted. Currently, the logo is "Let's Move Outside—HSNP"

He answered questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Addendum to the minutes: On September 21, 2017, Marilyn Hall made a new proposal for purchasing OT Completion shirts. The proposal was unanimously passed by the Board members that she order 24 various size shirts from Rave Grafix in Hot Springs. (A copy of this transaction is filled with the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holick

Susan Holick, Secretary