

Minutes of the Ouachita Mountain Hikers Board Meeting Corrected (3-19-2018)
March 6, 2018

Executive Board Members Present: Jim Davis, Linda Branim, Ralph Butler, Theresa Keyser and David Blankenship

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

Call to Order: 10 AM Debra's Restaurant, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

President: No Report

Vice President/Program Chair: Theresa Keyser reported we **will** not participate in the **HSV Community Fair** this year due to the fact that there was no area for our interest group. Reservation have been made for the Christmas party at the DeSoto Club.

Secretary: No report

Treasure/Membership: Linda reported we have \$4,195.77 in our account and we have 327 members. Approval was given to purchase ink for the printer. The audit for last year was completed and we passed

Hike Leader: David was not present. We discussed the topic in Old Business

Trail Maintenance: No report

Merchandise Coordinator: Marilyn reported that T-Shirt supply was good and she will not order now. Ernie added that most our sales happen at the end of season picnic, the Christmas party and at the season opening picnic.

Facebook Utilization: Need to decide what goes on the Facebook page and what is on the Hike Flash page. Facebook is public and HF is for the club only. Don't want a duplication of effort. We are concerned with the integrity of the data.

Old Business: Discussed hiking etiquette, hiking pace utilizing sweeps, letting slower hikers rest, (the "group) tends to leave as soon as the last people arrive, utilization of our 2-way radios to coordinate our hikes and shuttles, reworking the Hike Leader info and instructions.

New Business: Discussed how to improve the attendance of our monthly meetings. Club is very social and we need to include a "happy hour", pre-party or other time to socialize and get to know other members. This may encourage better attendance.

