

# COMOTA Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Date: 07/15/2020 8:00 PM

## Participants

Sasaki, Rie  
 LeAnn Rehard  
 Lelande Rehard  
 Nate Smith  
 Shawn Goertz  
 Joshua Carroll  
 Sam Botts  
 Brian Kukla  
 Joshua Stockwell  
 Martin Wills  
 Andy Schuette  
 Benedict Nagy  
 Dave Dittmer  
 Sarah Jones  
 Mike Burden

Topic	Notes	Action Items
<b>Prior Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 501c3 submitted</li> <li>2. Annual filing at the state complete</li> <li>3. How to footage recorded</li> <li>4. Ben Nagy has written content for basic trail maintenance guide that he created for State Parks</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lelande to follow up w/ Garner for video completion</li> <li>2. Ben to send Rie the content for basic trail maintenance</li> </ol>
<b>Make correction on Bylaws and Vote (Elliot)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Association" instead of "Alliance" in Articles of Incorporation approved</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion by Lelande; Shawn seconded; unanimous voice vote</li> </ol>
<b>Engaging Members during Covid-19 (Rie)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How to motivate members to do trail maintenance without big group workdays?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individuals recruit a few people and work in small groups.</li> <li>2. Post day/time/place you plan to work on FB and ask for volunteers.</li> <li>3. <u>Tiny Trail Work (TTW)</u> events (Nate)                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each trail steward lead group of 5 or less for their trail; have multiple TTW events going on same day;</li> <li>b. Each trail steward get a dedicated group of people for their trail to work on specific sections of trail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact info for trail work will allow volunteers to contact steward via forwarded email e.g. <a href="mailto:rockbridge@comotrailassociation.com">rockbridge@comotrailassociation.com</a> &gt; Shawn Goertz</li> <li>2. Nate to make TTW announcements for Instagram and work with Andy for generic steward email addresses to include</li> </ol>
<b>Rhett's Run Updates (Andy &amp; Sam)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Maintenance needs (Andy, Sam)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Honeysuckle removal</li> <li>2. Areas to address:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tight switchback work</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Anywhere that is a loop to achieve better sight lines</li> <li>c. Anywhere that crosses Bear Creek</li> <li>d. Between lots and powerline cut</li> <li>e. Rocky drop in new section before "crazy turn to the right" continues to fall apart</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Rhett's Run MTB Race 9/20/20 (Andy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This has not been cancelled; TBD</li> <li>2. Permit application has not been submitted, but shelter reserved</li> <li>3. If we have a race, then USA Cycling will not be used for cost savings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Rock Bridge Updates (Shawn)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Reroutes needed in eroded areas (Ben, Sarah, Nate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reroutes for Deer Run by Bonne Femme (Nate, Shawn)</li> <li>2. Drainage issues on Sinkhole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clean culverts</li> <li>b. Clear brush</li> <li>c. Cut trees prior to machine work</li> <li>d. Gans Creek side is overgrown</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Promote trail etiquette – don't use when wet (both runners &amp; bikers), ride middle of muddy spots, bikes slow &amp; yield to hikers (see signs), etc.</li> <li>iii. Need autumn olive removal in NW section of Deer Run.</li> <li>iv. Other maintenance needs?</li> <li>v. Shawn Goertz - est. Trail Steward for RB</li> <li>vi. Trail usage up 48% so 100,000 more RB trail users;</li> <li>vii. Sycamore "arch" as you approach the lot; Sarah assessed it and cannot get it down at this time safely; it is so high and so large</li> <li>viii. Next Public Meeting 8/22 at 1130 at Gilbert Shelter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create the two small reroutes (primarily weed whacking) tentative Sun 7/26 TTW</li> <li>2. Sarah to use Skid steer and backhoe; they will be available for RB in a week and a half</li> <li>3. Coordinate machine- (two days' worth of work) and handwork pending approval from Natural Resource, Cultural Resource leadership, etc.</li> <li>4. Sarah is working on signage e.g. "Bikers yield to Hikers"</li> <li>5. Ben and Shawn to coordinate a weekend to use Weed Whips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tentative Aug. 1 weekend; Shawn to take lead</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Mark Twain NF Updates (Nate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Moon Loop – getting more use; bikes yield to horses.</li> <li>ii. Maintenance needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lopping Day at Barnes Chapel Trailhead - Cedars encroaching on corridor.</li> <li>2. Clean up 1 mile Boy Scout trail at Pine Ridge Campground.</li> <li>3. Clean up downed trees on Smith Creek loop and Cedar Creek Trail this fall.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Finger Lakes Updates (Nate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Maintenance needs - need one last trimming in the next 2-3 weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TTW in the next month or so to address stinging nettle</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Long range planning in place; area within Kelly Branch where you may be able to build another loop</li> <li>iii. Long term goal: work on drainage issues</li> </ul>	
<b>Grindstone/Capen Updates</b> (Lelande)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Maintenance needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trimming/removal of honeysuckle needed on trail on Lost Hill in middle of prairie.</li> <li>2. Removal of honeysuckle along Ridgeline trail near Grindstone Creek crossing.</li> <li>3. Lelande contacted Dittmer to set up TTW</li> <li>4. Out and backs remain to be trimmed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Updating Trail Conditions via Trailforks App</b> (Nate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Encourage everyone to use Trailforks app to update trail conditions.</li> <li>ii. State Parks uses AllTrails app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Push Trailforks app</li> <li>2. Pin a post about Trailforks app on COMOTA group page</li> <li>3. Check out GORC's website for ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andy can send info to anyone interested in updating COMOTA site (WordPress)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Financial Updates</b> (Nate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trailforks Karma Month (July) – donations made via Trailforks app and PayPal.</li> <li>ii. Add Venmo for receiving donations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nate and Andy to work on Venmo</li> </ul>
<b>NICA Teen Trail Corps</b> (Rie)		