

COMOTA Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

5:18 PM

Meeting Date: 1/15/2020 6:30 PM

Location: RB Park Office

Participants	Rehard, LeAnn S. Jones, Sarah Sasaki, Rie Lelande Rehard	Shawn Goertz Joshua Carroll Sam Botts Joshua Stockwell	Nate Smith Martin Wills Andy Schuette Elliot Usher Dave Dittmer
Topic	Notes	Action Items	
Follow Up from All Members Debrief Meeting		Sarah and Nate need to finish Do and Don'ts Nate and Elliot work on 501c3	
Debrief of Meeting with Parks Department - Rie, Lelande, Nate, Andy	<p>Rie reviewed Gabe Huffington's (Parks and Rec) summary from the meeting. Gabe advised the group focus on developing needs for Rhett's that could become projects for the 2021 Parks Sales Tax Ballot, work on identifying a second location, consider focusing on venues that would enable Columbia to host a NICA race, and continue to coordinate work days with Parks staff.</p> <p>Board members decided to create committees to work in developing needs and strategies for a Rhett's Improvement Project and a 2nd MTB location.</p> <p>Gabe's email missed the discussion about building on the Tuesday Night Cyclocross event. Lelande will connect Gabe with Josh. Lelande, Nate, and others met with Josh to discuss Cyclocross needs. Josh said the current location is great but improvements to the site could be made. He also said they have funds to help make the improvements happen. The board also agreed that it is important to have Parks staff come to the a Tues. event so they have a better idea of how big it is.</p>	<p>Rhett's Trailhead Master Plan Committee- Andy, Lelande, Nate, Sam, Rie.</p> <p>2nd Location Exploratory Committee - Gans Park, W&L, Water's Moss, Strawn Road - Nate, Elliot, Lelande</p> <p>Lelande connect Gabe with Josh Johnson</p>	
Debrief of Meeting with Greenbelt Land Trust - Rie, Lelande	Rie and Lelande met with Mike Powell and Executive Director of the Mid Missouri Greenbelt Land Trust. They are interested in COMOTA building trail on their Hinkson Parcel.	Rie, Martin and Lelande will attend the meeting. 7-9pm at MDC 1/21	

<p>Rhett's Updates Debrief of Rhett's planning meeting - Nate Trail signage – Sam</p>	<p>Dave Dittmer met with several board members last week to discuss the current work on improving trails at Rhetts with reroutes. The proposed routes would require a change to the Master Plan and Dave recommended waiting and wrapping reroutes into a potential Parks Sales Tax Project and revision of the Master Plan.</p> <p>Board members agreed to focus on smaller reroute and cleaning up confusing intersections. With major reroutes further out Sam will go ahead and start improving signage for the existing trail. The board also decided to tackle cleaning and removing the litter and honeysuckle surrounding the "Craigslist" Parking Lot (lot across from the small baseball fields.</p>	<p>-Sam will go forward with more signage since trail reroutes are on hold</p>
<p>Rock Bridge Updates Upcoming work days & other updates – Ben Maintenance needs, misc. – Sarah Jones</p>	<p>Gans workdays during December have been productive. Sarah will host additional chainsaw training.</p>	<p>Chainsaw class can accommodate a few more.</p> <p>Send Sarah Trees in Gans, 10 day period starts 1/22</p>
<p>Mark Twain National Forest update – Nate</p>	<p>Nate has reached out to the National Forest Office and will be in touch with the new land manager for the Cedar Creek Tract.</p>	<p>Follow-up with new manager for Cedar Creek Nat. Forest</p>
<p>Official trail maintenance event dates (“Massive Maintenance Mayhem”) for the year - Lelande</p>	<p>Lelande shared the draft list of MMM events Shawn noted that the June RB event conflicted wit the In2Action Trail Race.</p>	<p>Lelande will work and revising the June RB MMM.</p>
<p>Setting up Email Communication with Members and Newsletter Webinar for Trail</p>	<p>Members discussed using a newsletter and more regular communication via email to help boost awareness and engagement with the community.</p> <p>The board discussed improvements to the FB page to allow easier sharing of events across partner pages.</p> <p>Board discussed strategies for helping make members more confident about coming to trail work days and engaging in trail maintenance on their own.</p>	<p>Nate, Andy, and Lelande will work on Newsletter</p> <p>Josh, Shawn, Nate will look into improving our FB page.</p> <p>Engage Garner in producing How To Videos for trail work.</p> <p>Nate and Sarah are working on tips and information to help folks know how they can help maintain trails.</p>

Massive Maintenance Mayhem - Lelande Rehard and Andy Schuette

Additional information see above for board decisions and discussion.

Below are the MMM dates Andy and I came up with. The National Forest work days are contingent upon us getting permission to restore/improve the existing trail and help us meet our members' request to focus on a backcountry trail.

Other MMM days focus on getting trails ready for races. Rhett's could probably use a MMM in the late Spring for early Summer to keep it trimmed.

MMM will require us to have a solid plan before the work day of what needs to be done. Hopefully with advanced notice we will have enough RSVPs to know how much we can accomplish.

Other work days can still happen and we can still promote them and plan them in advance as opportunities arise. Our goal is that we can publish the MMMs early in the year.

I would recommend that we set a rain date policy of the first non-holiday weekend following the originally scheduled date:

5/2/20 and 5/3/20 - Mark Twain National Forest, Pine Ridge Campground. Possible weekend work retreat with camping.

5/16/20 and 5/17/20, 8 am to 12 pm - Grindstone Nature Area

6/6/20 and 6/7/20, 8 am to 12 pm - Rock Bridge and Gan's Creek Nature Area - Prep for In2Action Half Marathon.

7/18/20 and 7/19/20, 8 am to 12 pm - Rock Bridge. Prep for Show-Me Games

8/8/20 and 8/9/20, 8 am to 12 pm - Finger Lakes State Park

9/12/20 and 9/13/20, 8 am to 12 pm - Rhett's Run - Prep for Race

11/7/20 and 11/8/20 - Mark Twain National Forest, Pine Ridge Campground. Possible weekend work retreat with camping.

Please review or any holes and glaring conflicts.

Late Spring/Early Rhett's

Reschedule the June RB MMM

Late September RB MMM

Lelande will send updates to group and publish on website Andy.