

# COMOTA Agenda/Minutes 1.18.2023

Topic	News	Action Items
<b>Introductions</b>	Angela, Elliott, Nate, Lelande, Sam, Josh, Brian, Shawn, Andrea, Andy	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approved</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approved</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year End Fundraiser (Como Gives)</li> <li>Recent donations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did our own thing - Como Gives sign up is in Feb, got that corrected for the 2023 campaign now</li> <li>Pete donated \$35k and another \$15k, and going to donate more</li> <li>We received Shop donations</li> <li>Jan 18th bank total = \$73,165</li> <li>AmazonSmile is closing out</li> </ul>
<b>Grant Writing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need volunteer(s) to help with this</li> <li><a href="https://trailtrust.com/">https://trailtrust.com/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking a couple folks, having grant writing experience would be aMaZiNg</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Community Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Creeks Torrent (3/12), Rhett's Run, SMSG's, Rock Bridge Revenge</li> <li>COMOTA is supporting these events and getting a portion of the proceeds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can we help promote and make the event exciting, let's gather volunteers!</li> <li>in2Action? June-ish</li> <li>We'll have a work event before each of these to prep trails</li> <li>Let us know if you see any other events we could connect with</li> </ul>
<b>MTNF Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with Forest Service on proposing some reroutes on the Smith Creek section</li> <li>Also working with them on obtaining \$15,000 of funding from the Great American Outdoors Act for fixing existing trail</li> <li>Could use a volunteer to help our MTNF Trail Stewards with this</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nate is doing paperwork</li> <li>Rehabbing old trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new trail</li> </ul> </li> <li>Possible 5-10 work events</li> </ul>

<b>FLSP Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoping to schedule some work events this Spring to fix some drainage issues on new and original trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work events TBD</li> </ul>
<b>RBSP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Later January/early February we can use chainsaws in Gans and will help once again taking care of all the downed trees</li> <li>We are working with Ben/Roxie on getting work days scheduled for Gans and Rock Bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nate and folks went out and took care of the downed trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12ish trees</li> </ul> </li> <li>Nate meeting with Ben about Gans reroutes</li> <li>Deer run entrance reroute! Ben says it's gonna happen!</li> <li>Other reroutes this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>top part of climb</li> <li>muddy section on deer run by the pasture</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Gans Recreation Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress update</li> <li>Funding &amp; Project Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lelande</li> </ul> </li> <li>Need a trail steward for this area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We met with Parks and NICA couple weeks back</li> <li>Figuring out path to design and build</li> <li>There have been some concerns voiced from others about that development</li> <li>Please be kind trail stewards :)</li> <li>Stay tuned for Council Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Trailer Purchase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nate has done research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4-5k</li> <li>Keeping eyes out for a used trailer (tough luck!)</li> <li>4x6'</li> </ul> </li> <li>Need to form a small group to get a proposal together</li> <li>Proposal and budget to be approved at next board meeting in March</li> <li>Include a list of supplies</li> <li>Also to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage</li> <li>License</li> <li>Insurance</li> <li>Security</li> <li>Hauling trailer to work events</li> <li>Vehicles with trailer light wiring</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This year could be the year for the trailer!</li> <li>Lacking helmets, safety glasses, gloves, etc.</li> <li>We are set up as a non-profit at the store, great folks!</li> <li>Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elliott, Josh</li> <li>Nate to advise as necessary</li> </ul> </li> <li>Looking for a gated and convenient spot to store trailer</li> </ul>

<b>Flow/Jump Trail System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's get this rolling!</li> <li>• Work with parks to find land; COMOTA funds a plan; use plan to fundraise</li> <li>• Fundraise for a design build</li> <li>• Thoughts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Looking for board input on path to implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One potential spot in weird lease situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Water Moss conversation area</li> <li>◦ Not sure what can be done with the land around the facilities there</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other spot is the land behind the theater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Need to have conversation with property owner</li> <li>◦ Figure out parking</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will send an email to Frank Morris Trust about funding</li> <li>• This is not on the sales tax</li> <li>• **Let us know if you have another location in mind! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Public property with a big slope</li> <li>◦ Place to park</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Angela will message Brett with Nomad about checking out the theater land area</li> </ul>
<b>Board Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dylan is gone</li> <li>• Time for a new board member</li> <li>• G? MU cycling member? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Get them a new prez</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G is in! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Board approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Michelle? - Andrea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Yay she's interested!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nick? - Elliott</li> <li>• Do you know anyone interested in being a board member?</li> <li>• Or, know anyone interested in being involved with certain projects?</li> </ul>
<b>Grindstone Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule a work event date to clear honeysuckle for the reroute</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lelande and G working with Dave to plan a reroute near the springhouse</li> <li>• From burr oak to overlook to springhouse</li> <li>• Potentially last weekend of January or first weekend of February</li> </ul>

<b>Local Motion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawrence and Annette reached out about working with COMOTA for a cross promotion event during Bike, Walk, Wheel Week</li> <li>• similar to the Greenbelt Happy Hour</li> <li>• Maybe the trail stewards for Woodpecker would want to work with them on this?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we work together during events?</li> <li>• Greenbelt has a new executive director, also on board with this</li> <li>• Brian will be involved with this</li> <li>• Any event ideas to highlight COMOTA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Let's brainstorm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Greenbelt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time to reach out about another project with them?</li> <li>• new land along the Cedar Creek looks cool</li> <li>• good task for Woodpecker trail stewards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They got a large property donation near Cedar Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Not sure what the donation will allow yet</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Josh and Andrea on tap for the next Woodpecker phase!</li> </ul>
<b>COMOTA Merch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a volunteer to get some quotes on volunteer t-shirts and merch for fundraising</li> <li>• Thoughts?</li> <li>• Let's level up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to One is awesome and local</li> <li>• Shawn has worked with D-sports, good stuff!</li> <li>• Trucker hats, shirts, hoodies</li> <li>• Trail jersey's?</li> <li>• Angela, Lelande, possibly G</li> </ul>
<b>Exploration Series</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's get something on the calendar for a good day!</li> <li>• Prob short notice</li> <li>• Hike to homestead and back, or dry creek and back</li> <li>• Moon Loop or Three Creeks too</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep an eye on the weather and put it out there!</li> <li>• Shawn will help</li> </ul>
<b>Trail Sisters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Columbia chapter</li> <li>• Women on trails</li> <li>• Hiking &amp; trail running</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep an eye out for future events</li> <li>• First event is this Sunday, 9/22</li> <li>• Can connect with the TS representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Megan Fox</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Adjourned</li> </ul>