

# 11.15.2023 COMOTA Board Meeting

## Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Topic	News	Action Items
<b>Introductions</b>	Angela, Nate, Josh, Ben, Andy, Lelande, G, Andrea, Elliott, Dave, Brian, Josh J, Yvonne	
<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>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$72,120.85 in bank</li><li>• \$266 bill from Rhett's for insurance</li><li>• Passed a check from Frank Morris Trust to the NICA Raptors</li><li>• \$30,000 is dedicated to Gans Creek project</li></ul>
<b>Park's Project Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gans/NICA Course Project</li><li>• Where are we at with the design process on Gans?</li><li>• City Counsel Dec 4th</li><li>• Rhett's TH- Drone visit by PBR Nov. 20th</li><li>• PBR will have a 2D rendering of project site in 4-6 weeks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dec 4th is the check presentation at city council</li><li>• Dec 18th is the city council meeting presentation for Gans project approval<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ **please come and support!!</li></ul></li><li>• RB state park discussion with Ben and Gabe, good and in support</li><li>• Rhetts – Andy and Nate met with City for next phase of project building and layout</li><li>• There will be a public input meeting after Progressive Bike Ramps comes through and does their initial design</li><li>• Work events coming soon for more Rhett's project clearing</li></ul>

<b>End of Year Celebration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday December 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ @ Boy Scout Camp</li> <li>◦ 5pm gates open</li> <li>◦ 6pm pizza</li> <li>◦ Volunteer of the Year 6:30pm presentation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please RSVP by emailing rockbridge@comotrails.org</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• **Please RSVP by emailing rockbridge@comotrails.org</li> <li>• BYOB</li> <li>• Firewood provided by park</li> <li>• Camping available</li> <li>• Breakfast burritos will be provided</li> </ul>
<b>MTNF Exploration Series</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap on first day hike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Yvonne and Lelande</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 12/2, 12/3</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Do we want to set dates for a mountain bike one</li> <li>• Set dates for 2024? 10/20/24 Hike and 11/3/24 Bike?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had about 15 people, out and back to the intersection, good vibes!</li> <li>• Majority of participants hadn't been out there before</li> <li>• Possible Dec 3rd and 12th ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Need to work around hunting season</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dates for 2024! 10/20 &amp; 11/3</li> </ul>
<b>Rhett's Run Bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update? Andy, Dave, Sam?</li> <li>• Schedule a date?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy put coating on bridge today 11/15/2023</li> <li>• Next step is expanded metal</li> <li>• Garner will make a cute metal sign for it</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Community Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Creeks Torrent 3/9/24</li> <li>• Rhett's Run MTB Race 6/23/24 Start an organizing committee for the 25th Anniversary!!?</li> <li>• FoRB Black Friday Hike November 24th- Ben is leading</li> <li>• Propose a Collaboration event for Solar Eclipse with Poplar Bluff Trail Association Monday, April 8th. Work event 6/7th on Wolf Creek trail. Andy?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be recruiting early spring for an Rhett's Race organizing committee for the 25th anniversary, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Let us know if you're interested!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What year is show me state games on?</li> <li>• FoRB hike – 2 to 4pm, Nov 24th - Meeting location is at boys scout special use area</li> <li>• Andy and Nate will connect on potential eclipse event</li> </ul>
<b>Trail Steward and Work Event Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any updates on the Trail Steward Program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Description, expectation, commitment, responsibilities</li> <li>◦ Host volunteer training?</li> <li>◦ Website page</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Beth, Nate, Lelande?</li> <li>• RB- hazard tree work event Dec? Will be good practice for new sawyers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beth has been working on the website - check it out! And more improvements are on the way</li> <li>• BIOS! Ben, Andy, Sam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Send them to Beth</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hazard Tree Work Event – Ben, waiting on approval, will have at least two events – shooting for December, will need lots of help! Stay tuned for when official dates are posted</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Superintendent at FLSP-Derek Mutter</li> <li>• MTNF- Nate and Andy working on scheduling work events/overall plan</li> <li>• Eagle Bluffs River Trail still needs North end cleaned up</li> <li>• RB Deer Run TH work event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 11/12 recap</li> <li>○ 11/19 FLSP scheduled</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTNF – Smith Creek and Moon Loop focus, stay tuned for project dates, this year we can do some of the smaller work</li> <li>• Eagle Bluff – need to work around duck season, probably later January</li> <li>• Want to lead a work event? Or have an idea? Contact us!!</li> <li>• Oakland hills park – trails could use some work there, Dave is meeting with a neighbor to discuss vision and ideas, COMOTA yes is on board to help out</li> <li>• Jay Dix – will be re-envisioned once Rhetts project is built, improvements to come, intention is to make is a beginner skills course with lower and wider features</li> </ul>
<b>Pinnacles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maralynn Tolson</li> <li>• Chair of friends of Pinnacles</li> <li>• Run by a not for profit board</li> <li>• Would like access improved to trails itself and have more trails behind the Pinnacles themself</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy is meeting with her to start discussion, walk the property, see what's possible out there</li> <li>• Do you have of anyone passionate about going out there? Potential trail steward?</li> <li>• Scouts are a huge user group</li> </ul>
<b>Alspaugh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nate and Dave went out and walked through it</li> <li>• Nature sanctuary</li> <li>• Hiking only</li> <li>• There are mowed sewer paths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go check it out!</li> <li>• Parking lot is there</li> <li>• Park budget and funding will come in in about 4 years</li> </ul>
<b>COMO Gives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from Andrea &amp; Angela</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal is to fundraise \$15,000</li> <li>• Nov 28 through Dec 1</li> <li>• Please reshare COMOTA posts</li> </ul>

<b>Grants Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle- what would you like from us to get started? Nate can get you information on COMOTA goals, plans etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missouri parks association</li> </ul>
<b>Uof M Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from Beth on website bios</li> <li>Update from Josh J and G</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David chatted with Pete</li> <li>Liability concerns</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angela is moving!</li> <li>Need to fill the Secretary position before next board meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are you interested? Email us!</li> </ul>
<b>2024 Board Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3rd Wednesday of the month - every other month</li> <li>Jan 17</li> <li>March 20</li> <li>May 15</li> <li>July 17</li> <li>September 18</li> <li>November 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please mark your calendars!</li> <li>7pm meetings</li> </ul> <p>Next up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 17th, 7pm</li> <li>Rock Bridge Park Office - basement</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over and out!</li> </ul>