

5.24.2023 COMOTA Board Meeting

Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Topic	News	Action Items
Introductions	Josh Johnson, Lelande Rehard, Beth Kelly, Andrea Earlywine, Brian Kukla, Andy Schuete, Nate Smith, Josh Stockwell, Dave Dittmer, Adian, Tom Scott, Shawn Goertz, Huston Spellman, Michelle Teti, Guillermo Hernandez	
Approval of Agenda		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved
Approval of Minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved
New Board Members!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trail runner, sometime mtn biker, professor at the Missouri School of Public Health.
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72,000 in the bank, donated \$200,000 donated to the City via the Pastoract Trust.
Trailer and Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trailer update<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Just found out Como Raptors are also looking for a trailer, deal on 2?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMOTA will coordinate with NICA on purchasing a trailer, which is waiting on insurance.
COMOTA Merch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merch ... soon<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Dress shirts for meetings◦ Wicking shirts for trail work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One to One still working on the order, but taking a lot longer. Maybe try another vendor?• Andrea and other recommended D-sport.
Local Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWWW recap• Hinkson Happy Hour• Rhett's Guided Trail Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beth reminded the board to consider having a guided walking/running group for next year.

Mizzou Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from G 	<p>The new MU Cycling officers introduced themselves: Tom Scott, President, will focus on racing Adian, Vice President Huston, Treasurer G, Trail Manger.</p> <p>The club is hoping to hold their race on September 23-24. Beth mentioned that is the same weekend as the NICA race in Jeff City which could make getting volunteers difficult.</p> <p>MU Cycling Officers asked if COMOTA was still interested in engaging MU Club Sports on an agreement to allow COMOTA work events at the MU Cycling Facility. Board members expressed interest and asked if MU Cycling had any good contacts for approaching MU about developing trails on their property. Josh offered that he has a connection with MU facility mgmt and would follow-up with them.</p>
Park's Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got back proposal from Rogue Trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will hopefully have a draft agreement for NICA course in June. • Final interviews for Rhett's next week and contract for project should be ready for Council in July.
Upcoming Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock Bridge Renew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ How'd it go? • Rhett's Run 6/25/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the 24th race! • National Trails Day 6/3 @ Grindstone • In2Action Trail Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ June 10? • Show Me State MTB Race- July 23rd- Need volunteers- Talk to Nate • Como Dirt Crits - ready to go June 14, 21, 28, July 5. Wednesday evenings, starts at 6:30 pm. Parking at Boy Scout Camp - where we will need help, \$5 entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhett's Run - Andy S - Work event will occur before the race. • RB - small trees down in Gans, but will get them before the race. • Tree down on Deer Run • Show-me Games - need volunteers (all funds go to COMOTA) • Josh will give Nate an email for interested volunteers to use if they wish to help with the Como Dirt Crits. • Dave reported the work at Grindstone for National Trails Day will be similar to last year.

NICA TTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going for two events in July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Likely Sunday morning ◦ July 9th 	The Raptors are promoting national trails day as well as an opportunity for TTC.
Three Creeks/Boone County Nature School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been asked to help reopen an old trail at Three Creeks near Nature School, possibly work on more trails too 	COMOTA was approached by MDC and CPS to help reopen a trail connecting the nature school to 3 Creeks. Nate has scouted the trail and believes some improvements will be needed to make the trial more sustainable.
Trail Steward and Work Event Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhetts Bridge! • Grindstone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ New Grindstone trail steward Dave Dittmer • Rock Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ben/Nate- Deer Run reroute update? • Gans Creek Wild Area • MTNF - any updates • Updating the Trail Steward Program. Goal - ½ of trail stewards are not board members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a description and expectations • What is the commitment and responsibilities • Trail Stewards page on the website with the role and current stewards • Do you have a favorite trail? Become a trail steward! 	<p>Beth asked if we had a timeline for recruitment of new trail stewards.</p> <p>Michelle asked what areas are in need?</p> <p>Nate/Dave - small trail systems, a lot of new trail systems coming online, help existing stewards.</p> <p>Leland, Beth, and Nate will work on a description of trail steward duties to be used to recruit new stewards.</p>
Board Member Bios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check them out! • Thank you Beth! • To make edits, email Beth with your deets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ elizabeth.kelly@gmail.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Next Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 19th• Book an outdoor meeting location	Cost share - up to \$86,000 over the next 5 years.
Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved, 8:03 pm.