

# 9.20.2023 COMOTA Board Meeting

## Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Topic	News	Action Items
<b>Introductions</b>	Nate, Josh J, Andy, Lelande, Beth, Michelle, Angela, Brian, Josh, Tom, G, 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>• \$72832</li><li>• \$100 donation from VU</li><li>• \$900 donation from ShowMe Games</li><li>• Board approved \$30,000 donation for Gans Project</li></ul>
<b>MDC Protection Conference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lelande &amp; Nate presented</li><li>• recap</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spoke to conversation agents, had a panel of non traditional users (not hunting or fishing)</li><li>• Cool group of folks</li><li>• Would like to attend and present at future conferences</li></ul>
<b>Park's Project Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gans/NICA Course Project<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Public Input Meeting</li><li>◦ Twas well attended</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep encouraging online comments in support of project</li><li>• <a href="https://beheard.como.gov/">https://beheard.como.gov/</a></li><li>• FORB is still opposing, mainly the creek</li><li>• COMOTA out at CX - will do it again next week</li></ul>
<b>End of Year Celebration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pine Ridge?</li><li>• Other ideas? Locations?</li><li>• Date?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typically Nov/Dec</li><li>• Michelle, Andrea, Beth</li><li>• Outdoors or indoors?</li><li>• Boyscout camp at rockbridge?</li></ul>
<b>NICA TTC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next date: Oct 1, 9-11am</li><li>• New reroute to Deer Run @ RB</li><li>• Both Mike B., Angela, Lelande are out of town (fyi)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be there if you are available, as an experienced trail association member</li><li>• It is a lot of fun!</li></ul>

<b>MTNF Exploration Series</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Dates?</li> <li>• 10/21, 10/22, 11/4, 11/5, 12/2, 12/3</li> <li>• These are all not during rifle or youth season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garner leading bikes, Caleb leading trail runs(?), Yvonne leading hikes, Leland mountain biking</li> <li>• Possible hike and mtb for October - Leland and Yvonne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ^^they will connect and decide</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Rhett's Run Bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stain and install metal grating</li> <li>• Coordinate with Dave, Andy, Sam</li> <li>• Dave will purchase material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nate will coordinate time and group to finish that up</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Community Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NICA Binder race 9/23-24</li> <li>• Thursday night trail series</li> <li>• Rock Bridge Revenge 10/14</li> <li>• FoRB RB Renewal 11/4</li> <li>• Three Creeks Torrent 3/9/24</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attend!</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>◦ Website page</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Beth, Nate, Leland?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will table this to next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>COMO Gives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update and timeframe</li> <li>• Andrea &amp; Angela</li> <li>• Need social media templates and posts made up ahead of time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are officially signed up</li> <li>• Andrea and Angela to get social media campaign going</li> </ul>
<b>Rain Out Line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RB has removed their rainout line</li> <li>• Focus on community trail education?</li> <li>• Using funds for consistent signage?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this important enough for COMOTA to pick up? The FB updates seem to be working well, will stick with that</li> <li>• Increase posting for trail running to promote trail condition usage - continuing that conversation</li> </ul>

<b>Grants Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which grants are of interest?</li> <li>Need to provide Michelle with potential projects for grant applications - Nate &amp; Lelande</li> </ul>
<b>Uof M Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land across hinkson creek</li> <li>MU trails on parts of that property</li> <li>Frank morris trust to develop more trails?</li> <li>Who in MU can be the doer?</li> <li>To also keep this going past G graduating</li> <li>Need to get this organized, make sure website is golden and focus on the positive impact this will have</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G will put together super clear ask</li> <li>Josh J to lead project</li> <li>Beth will update website bios <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send her a bio if you don't have an official and professional one up yet</li> <li>Provide photos that show our outreach</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 15th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be there!</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>done!</li> </ul>