

# 7-17-2024 COMOTA Board Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Topic	Details	Action Items & Discussion Highlights
<b>Introductions</b>	Beth K, Andrea E, Michelle T, Brian K, Josh K, Sam B, Josh J, Andy S, Nate S, Lelande R, David R, Shawn G, Elliott U, G Hernandez, Gavin, Ben N, Yvonne B, Huston S, Brittani T,  Dogs: Apollo R, Maxwell K, Penny B	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<i>Josh J, Shawn G</i>	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Josh J, Shawn G</i>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waiting for reimbursement for USFS expenditures</li></ul>	
<b>Officer and Board Terms</b>	Lelande, Nate, and Andy's terms as officers are up at the end of the calendar year.  Guillermo is graduating and we need to onboard the new MU Cycling President.	Consider if you would like to take an office. Discussion of staggering terms.  New MU President Huston will be voted in at the next meeting. Congratulations (but also sad), G!
<b>Moving COMOTA into the Future</b>	Discussion about how we move forward and grow and an organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do we need?</li><li>• Do we need help?</li><li>• How and when do we start?</li></ul>	Looking to other orgs to emulate Deciding on our foundation to move us forward into getting established, getting through our growing pains, needing money in the future and needing a solid background to ask for it, deciding what work to do

<p><b>COMOTA Board Advisor</b></p>	<p>Two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do we want an external advisor to help us? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What would we expect from them?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Do we want to accept Annette's proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beth's Note: we need to vote on it in person at this meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Large agreement in that we would like an outside proposal</li> <li>2. Vote on Annette's proposal –</li> </ol> <p><b>Ben-</b> Can Annette explain what she's offering in colloquial terms?  <b>Josh-</b> Wanted to see clear deliverables, establish NDA, have contract  <b>Michelle-</b> Can we offer her more information and make a consistent RFP for other contracts?  <b>Guillermo-</b> some kind of rubric for scoring?</p> <p>Motion to vote no on Annette's proposal for now  <i>Josh J, Ben N</i>  All in favor</p>
<p><b>Project Updates</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rhett's Trailhead</li> <li>2. Gan Creek Recreation Area</li> <li>3. Smith Creek</li> <li>4. Stuart Park</li> <li>5. Rock Bridge Projects</li> <li>6. MU MOU</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. October 1 dedication 5 pm</li> <li>2. NICA course vendor finally signed contract</li> <li>3. Rutherford Bridge to the road, got out last weekend with a ton of heavy machinery and improvements</li> <li>4. Cool animal rocks</li> <li>5. No updates- check back in fall/winter</li> <li>6. Excellent feedback on the MOU so far</li> </ol>
<p><b>Meeting Frequency</b></p>	<p>Do we want to move to monthly meetings?</p>	<p>Yes  August- outside meeting with indoor option for bad weather  September-</p>

<b>NICA Raptors Team Relationship Update</b>	During the May meeting the Board ask that NICA make progress to become a independent 501c3	Incorporated with the state, have an EIN, filed for 501c3
<b>AmeriCorps VISTA Opportunity Update</b>	List of potential projects for AmeriCorps employees this Fall.	Working with MCC on details
<b>Committee Updates</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Logboat Event Report Out</li> <li>2. Fall Social Event</li> <li>3. Fundraising</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great event, outreach to new people</li> <li>2. Committee needs to meet- trail prom?</li> <li>3. Proposal committee- Beth, Brian, Lelande, Elliott</li> </ol>
<b>Trail Steward Updates</b>		
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show-me Games 7/21 – Need Volunteers</li> <li>• Possible fundraiser with Como Rocks – Choose 2 Saturdays to propose.</li> <li>• Rhett’s Trailhead Dedication - Tuesday, October 1st at 5:00 with speakers at 5:20</li> </ul>	<p>Ask Nate for volunteering ops Lelande working with como rocks</p> <p>Zack- Nature Conservancy- old Katfish Katy’s- looking to develop a boardwalk/ interpretive trail</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Andrea, Michelle</b>	