



COMOTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2025

Location: 1901 Vandiver

Attended:

☒ Andy Schuette	☒ Josh Johnson	☒ Michelle Teti	☐ Sam Botts
☒ Andrea Earlywine	☒ Brian Kukla	☒ Elliot Usher	☒ Josh Stockwell
☒ Anita Ellis	☒ Mark Alvarez	☒ Anatolie Juncu	☒ Nate Smith
☒ Leland Rehard	☒ Philip Stambaugh	☒ Yvonne Buchhiet	☐ Beth Kelly

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda: Yes

III. Approval of Minutes: Yes

IV. Kay-Linn

- a. Recap of April and May on one document. Please review and provide feedback on the highlighted areas by - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-NCCrYgKMkOSa3GoNqY_fUapaFNTEAmzamyQhRORDDA/edit?tab=t.0
- b. April Meeting Survey Results https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JU1OuH_QUk-6GOUaKeTic08SEiPKtcG1J1lnGSHrZvk/edit?usp=drive_link

V. Treasurer's Report

Current Total	\$62,771
June Expenditures	\$831 Rhett's Run Socks – expect income from the race on 6/22/25
Other Comments	Cost for P.O Box has increased to \$166/year

VI. Committee/Event Reports

- a. Cosmo Bike Park Dedication – Bike Park dedication was a huge success. Lots of community support. Members of the Walters family (Rhett) attended. Bike park continues to be busy with all user groups. Concerns with trash in the parking lot. Board members were also curious about how the lights functioned. There is a pole near the dedication rock with two red lights. Once the lights are turned on they stay on until midnight. For safety there is an audible and visual warning to bike park users indicating that the lights will be turning off.



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- b. Rutherford Bridge event – Mark Alvarez led multiple events to complete the replacement decking. He has also formed a non-profit organization to make improvements on the bridge. They are currently working on obtaining a quick claim deed for the bridge.
 - c. Wednesday Night Honeysuckle Removal – Andy Schuette leads a weekly Wednesday Night event to remove invasive honeysuckle and seasonal trail maintenance. He provides the tools and glyphosate (provided by Parks & Recreation). Board members asked if they could remove honeysuckle at Rhett's during other days. If you have received the training, from Parks & Recreation you can obtain herbicide from Parks & Recreation <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/TK-Bess.pdf>.
 - d. Happy Hour at Logboat- confirmed for 6/21 4-8 – We are set for this date. It has been placed on the Google Calendar and an event shared on social media.
 - e. Apparel – No update provided
- VII. All Members Meeting Social – Leland shared Checklist with event details and 'to do' items. Start promoting around Labor Day
- VIII. Ongoing Business
 - a. Gans Creek Rec Area beginner trails – Nomad Trails continues to build 4.5 mile loop. Hoping to be completed by 7/5/25. Weather has been a barrier.
- IX. New Business
 - a. Upcoming community events
 - i. Rhett's Run Bike Race- 6/22- call for volunteers
 - ii. Possible event with Missouri Parks Association on National Public Lands Day Sept 27th- Nate Smith working with State Parks for potential re-routes that could be done on this day. Other options would be routine trail maintenance (trimming, mowing, lopping, drainage work)
 - b. Becoming a Master Naturalist approved volunteer group- Yvonne working with Ray Brown to create Volunteer Description for COMOTA and the Missouri Master Naturalist program.
 - c. Crew Leaders for future COMOTA work events – Concerns discussed about the Gans Creek Wild area trail corridor and multiple down trees reported by horseback riders, hikers and runners. Suggested for individuals to provide feedback to Rockbridge State Parks
 - i. Rockbridge State Park contact information.
 - 1. Email – rock.bridge.memorial.state.park@dnr.mo.gov
 - 2. Email – moparks@dnr.mo.gov
 - 3. Park Office Phone – 573-449-7402
 - d. Monthly or Quarterly volunteer report – working on adding missing trail systems and standardizing type of work done.
 - i. Total Hours for 2025 – 802; Over 50% of the work done was trail maintenance, followed by invasive honeysuckle removal and meeting with land managers. Location was Cosmo Park/Rhett's Run followed by Mark Twain National Forest and Gans Creek Recreation (City Park).
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wqIrdPJiy8flekIXH30D36gEASJQPHu/edit>
 - ii. Reminder to Log Volunteer Hours <https://comotrails.org/log-your-volunteer-hours/>
 - e. Trail Service Opportunity for Trail Runners



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- i. Collaborate with Thursday Night trail runners' group to incorporate importance of service and why it's important to give back to the trails. Andrea, Beth and Michelle want to host a COMOTA work event for any of the trails that the runners will be using (Rockbridge & Three Creeks). Leland and Bryan would be willing to help out
- f. MDC Roundtable this fall – great opportunity to learn and advocate for COMOTA and sustainable natural surface trails <https://mdc.mo.gov/events/2025-partners-roundtable>
- g. COMO Gives Campaign – Andrea got us registered for the 2025 campaign
- h. Mighty Cause Platform – Andrea – fundraising all year round
- i. Trail Film Fest – potential event Fall 2025

X. Adjournment – Yes at 8:16 PM

Action/Event	Owner	Due Date
Provide feedback on Kay-Linn Draft COMOTA Mission, Vision, Values https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-NCCrYgKMkOSa3GoNqY_fUapaFNTEAmzamyQhRORDDA/edit?usp=sharing April Meeting Survey Results https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JU1OuH_QUk-6GOUaKeTic08SEiPKtcG1J1lnGSHrZvk/edit?usp=drive_link	All Board Members	7/5/2025
Wednesday Night Honeysuckle at Rhett's Run (also seasonal trail maintenance)	Andy Schuette	Ongoing
Happy Hour at Logboat 4-8 pm. Andrea to connect with Nate Smith to secure COMOTA tent and other supplies needed.	Andrea Earlywine	6/21/2025
Rhett's Run Bike Race – Still looking for volunteers; reach out to Andy	Andy Schuette	6/22/25
Collaboration with MO Parks Association on Public Lands Day	Nate Smith	9/27/25
All Members Meeting Social -	Leland Rehard	11/8/25
Thursday Night Trail Running Group Service Opportunity Fall & Spring series	Andrea Earlywine,	August/September 2025



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	Michelle Teti Beth Kelly Leland Rehard Bryan Kukla	
MDC Round Table – Jefferson City, MO – Proposal for abstract? https://mdc.mo.gov/events/2025-partners-roundtable https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MODC/2025/05/16/file_attachments/3263772/2025%20PRT%20Breakout%20Session%20Abstract%20Guidelines.pdf https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MODC/2025/05/16/file_attachments/3263771/2025%20PRT%20Abstract%20Form.pdf	Andrea Earlywine Leland Rehard	7/30/25 deadline for abstract
Trail Film Fest	Andrea Earlywine	Fall 2025