



COMOTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 16, 2025

Location: 1901 Vandiver

Attendance:

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

- I. Call to Order 7:47 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: passed
- III. Approval of Minutes: passed
- IV. Kay-Linn Discussion: After discussing the mission, vision, and values with Kay-Linn, we are taking the month to think on them and plan to vote on adoption in August.
- V. Treasurer's Report

Current Total	\$62k
June Expenditures	CoMO Gives enrollment for \$350
Other Comments	Waiting on last of Rhett's sponsor checks

- VI. Committee/Event Reports
 - a. Rutherford Bridge Updates- Mark is finalizing paperwork to file with the Secretary of State to formalize his organization. A bridge inspector is coming to look at the bridge this week.
 - b. Wednesday Night Honeysuckle Removal - Andy is still going strong 5:30-7, starting at the lot behind Antimi and aiming to add in some tread work in the coming months. All are welcome to help.
 - c. Rhett's Run MTB Race- Andy reported 95 racers. Attendees loved the new trailhead venue and feedback was positive for the event. [The Missourian had nice coverage](#). And it was HOT.
 - d. Apparel – Nate has proofs for t-shirts, hoodies, and hats from D-Sports. All items are ready to order and we will sell them for a fundraiser.
 - e. All Members Meeting Social – Lelande has requested quotes for porta potties. Anita, Nate, and Lelande identify the best pasture access at our MTNF venue MTNF. The committee is looking into an indoor backup option



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- f. Volunteer Hours Report: Yvonne showed the aggregated chart of our 173 volunteer hours last month. Reminder to Log Volunteer Hours <https://comotrails.org/log-your-volunteer-hours/>
- VII. Ongoing Business
 - a. Gans Creek Rec Area beginner trails update- the green trail is OPEN and already attracting more diverse trail users than other local trails
 - b. Master Naturalist-approved volunteer group- Yvonne reported that Boone's Lick Master Naturalists can count hours with COMOTA toward the program's 40 hour annual volunteer requirement. Nate is the contact for COMOTA on this matter and Ray Brown is the contact for the Master Naturalists. Beth will add that information to the COMOTA website.
 - c. Crew Leaders for future COMOTA work events- no updates at this time
 - d. Feedback to Rock Bridge SP
 - e. Thursday Night Trail Race work event: We are waiting for TNTR dates to be finalized and will have the work event the week before the first race. Working at Rock Bridge is the top choice and potential projects have been identified.
 - 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>
 - i. Leland reported that we need to recruit 2 additional groups to host a roundtable on a theme. COMOTA members are reaching out to Backcountry Horsemen and Columbia Track Club for a possible collaboration.
 - g. Upcoming community events
 - i. Possible event with Missouri Parks Association- 9/27, for National Public Lands Day- Nate is waiting to hear back from the Missouri Parks Association
 - h. COMO Gives Campaign – Andrea got us registered for the 2025 campaign
 - i. MightyCause Platform – Andrea proposed we start fundraising year-round and suggested MightyCause. It would be a 1-year commitment of \$120/month. Board members liked that the community is familiar with the platform, it's efficient for donors, low cost, and meets our compliance needs. We will look at alternative platforms and plan to vote on a platform in August.
 - j. Trail Film Fest – Andrea proposed moving this to the Spring because other groups using the Film Fest had more success in that season. The cost is \$750 for 90 minutes of films covering a variety of trail uses. We need to provide a venue.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Upcoming community events
 - i. Show Me State Games MTB Race- 7/20 @ Rock Bridge, volunteers are needed and you don't have to be a mountain biker. Volunteer opportunities are between 9am and 1 pm. See Nate.
 - b. MU Cycling: Philip met with MU staff and Michelle followed up on the MOU. The MOU is necessary for COMOTA to work on MU's trails. Responsible stewardship is crucial to MU and COMOTA's mutual desire for future urban trail partnerships.
- IX. Adjournment: 8:47



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Action/Event	Owner	Due Date
Consider the Mission, Vision, and Values and be prepared to discuss and vote on them at the August meeting Review and provide feedback on these potential strategic goals/tasks: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Flf5kSHgQiFbfSaE4GLEBi5b2ZfK3YPL_ZCymXmjY7M/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.2bfzabe204ud https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10RVm9l3DwsnJf4Bt-8KQweJ3Y2v2APxmPbGLNYJCJUE/edit?slide=id.g34e5553d7ef_0_568#slide=id.g34e5553d7ef_0_568	All Board Members	7/5/25
Wednesday Night Honeysuckle at Rhett's Run (also seasonal trail maintenance)	Andy Schuette	Ongoing
Collaboration with MO Parks Association on Public Lands Day	Nate Smith	9/27/25
All Members Meeting Social -	Anita, Nate, Lelande	11/8/25
Thursday Night Trail Running Group Service Opportunity Fall & Spring series	Andrea Earlywine, Michelle Teti Beth Kelly Lelande Rehard Bryan Kukla	August/September 2025
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 Lelande Rehard	7/30/25 deadline for abstract
Trail Film Fest	Andrea Earlywine	Spring 2026



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