



## COMOTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2025

Location: 1901 Vandiver

Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Alvarez	<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Botts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvonne Buchheit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Earlywine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anatolie Juncu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Kelly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Kukla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lelande Rehard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Schuette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nate Smith
<input type="checkbox"/> Philip Stambaugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Stockwell	<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Teti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elliot Usher

- I. Call to Order 7:31 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved
- III. Approval of Minutes: approved
- IV. Kay-Linn Discussion:
  - a. Mission, Vision, and Values
    - i. See Appendix A for full text: passed as written

V. Treasurer's Report

Current Total	\$58k
September Expenditures	\$350 insurance installment, \$166 for PO Box
Other Comments	

VI. Committee/Event Quick Reports

- a. Rutherford Bridge- Mark- No progress to report
- b. Wednesday Night Honeysuckle Removal- Andy- Pleased with progress and turnout. Last event will be 11/12.
- c. Apparel – Nate- Items are selling well and will continue to be part of COMOTA's promotion
- d. Hinkson Happy Hour- Andrea- ~50 tickets sold. The event went smoothly and attendees had a good time.
- e. NICA Race- Andy & Beth- The event was very well received in the community and the venue received lots of compliments from out of town visitors and the league.
- f. Happy Hour at Logboat- Andrea & Josh- Great community engagement for a social event, including some merch sales and email signups.
- g. Rock Bridge Revenge Aid Station- Yvonne- The race had 126 participants and the aid station went well. Anita, Nate, and Jessi Church also worked the aid station



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### VII. Ongoing Business

- a. All Members Meeting Social – Committee
  - i. Committee reported on planned events and what auxiliary items have been reserved/acquired.
  - ii. Volunteer of the Year nominations discussion
- b. Volunteer Hours Report- Yvonne- 273 hours for the last 2 months combined.
  - i. continue to log our hours: <https://comotrails.org/log-your-volunteer-hours/>
- c. MTNF- Nate & Andy- USFS communication is a challenge due to furlough. Boyd Rd TH is closing for hunting season so we will have limited access to the site. Lots of trail users are happy on trail improvements.
- d. Rock Bridge Springbrook Trail Reroute- Nate- Project is pending approval from the park superintendent before scheduling work days.

### VIII. New Business

- a. ComoGives planning- Andrea and Yvonne are getting it rolling. Ideas for this year include matching funds, a peer-to-peer campaign, and postcards to previous donors.
- b. Branded material purchases
  - i. Signs, elastic tablecloth, stickers, generic business cards from Witt
  - ii. Pop up tent from TC Screenprinting
- c. Upcoming community events
  - i. 10/30 tree planting at Gans: 2-5pm collaboration with Sustain Mizzou and MCC

### IX. Adjournment: 8:25pm

### Appendix A:

**Mission:** To build, maintain, and advocate for sustainable natural surface trails for our community.

**Vision:** COMOTA envisions the Columbia area connected by natural surface trails - where a sustainable network brings people outdoors, fosters connection, and inspires long-term stewardship.

We see a future where:

- Everyone — of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and trail user type — can enjoy time outside on well-designed, well-maintained natural surface trails.
- Partnerships thrive, uniting agencies, landowners, organizations, and community members to support trail development and maintenance.
- A diverse network of trails offers year-round opportunities for recreation.
- Trail users become trail stewards, participating in volunteer work, educational programs, and community events.
- A shared Natural Surface Master Plan guides thoughtful growth and ensures long-term sustainability.
- Trails are recognized as essential infrastructure for health, equity, and quality of life.
- COMOTA expands strategically and sustainably, increasing its capacity to build, maintain, and champion natural surface trails across the community.

**Values:**



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- Sustainable Trails
- Stewardship
- Partnerships
- Community
- Access to Nature and the Outdoors

Action/Event	Owner	Due Date
See your email from Kay-Linn for where to give feedback.	All Board Members	
Wednesday Night Honeysuckle at Rhett's Run	Andy Schuette	Ongoing
All Members Meeting Social	Anita, Nate, Lelande	11/8/25
CoMO Gives	Andrea	Winter 2025
Trail Film Fest	Andrea Earlywine	Spring 2026