



## COMOTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2026

Location: 1901 Vandiver

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Alvarez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nate Smith   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvonne Buchheit | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Earlywine      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Ellis  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anatolie Juncu  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Kelly |
|                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lelande Rehard          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Schuette   |                                                |

- I. Call to Order: 7:35 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: passed
- III. Approval of Minutes: passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report

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| Current Total  | Approx \$61,000                                                                              |
| Expenditures   |                                                                                              |
| Other Comments | Reimbursed for chainsaw training and other expenditures. \$10 from Trailforks Pro donations. |

- V. Committee/Event Quick Reports:
  - Admin/Govt: Discussion of logging and aggregating volunteer hours by trail use activity. Beth will work on a lightweight data capture. Mark has set up a daily scan of Legistar, the city's collection of meeting minutes and agendas.
  - Communications: Yvonne is working on the website.
  - Trail Work: See business in the rest of the minutes
  - Finance & Fundraising: Getting ready for CoMOGives and preparing an Annual Report
  - Rhett's Run MTB Race: Made \$879. Thank you to sponsors and volunteers!
  - Al-Pint Night: 21 attendees, raising \$210. Anita represented and Anatolie came out to help. Next year we should try to get local beer but are generally required to use the beer supplied by Alpine Shop. Good publicity opportunity!
  - Show-Me State Games: Nate reported we had the same mountain bike race participation as last year, despite a pop-up storm near the end. Good publicity for us! \$900 to Comota for the effort.
- VI. Ongoing Business
  - a. Volunteer Hours Report:
    - i. 431 hours in the last 2 months. Wow!



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- ii. continue to log our hours: <https://comotrails.org/log-your-volunteer-hours/>
  - b. State 0.1% Parks, Soils, and Water sales tax passed with 82% of votes.
  - c. Nature Conservancy Huntsdale Property: TNC has hired out planning/design of the trail. We are waiting to hear if they get their Recreational Trails Program grant. We may help build their trail.
- VII. New Business
  - a. Hinkson Happy Hour: September 25, 2026: Working with the Greenbelt Land Trust and Local Motion, Anita is spearheading for COMOTA.
  - b. Fall work events
    - i. MDC Diana Bend reroute: need to revisit with MDC. We plan to work on this in the fall after the foliage dies back.
    - ii. MTNF trail work and potential reroutes: Reached out to Trey for approvals coming this winter.
    - iii. 2 more NICA Teen Trail Corps events: Splitting the team to have ~30 students per trail work group.
  - c. Board Member Recruitment
    - i. [Draft Questionnaire](#): Looks good and will be very helpful for board member recruitment and learning about their skills.
    - ii. Student board member recruitment: MU Geology, MU Geography, Mizzou SAFE, MU Cycling, MU Hiking Club
- VIII. Upcoming Events
  - a. Rock Bridge Revenge: October 17, 2026. Waiting to hear if we are needed for an aid station.
  - b. Conservation EXPO: September 12/13 at Cooper's Landing. Potential to have a booth. Saturday is water-focused and Sunday is land-focused. Beth will reach out about a booth and Anita will spearhead the booth effort. Andy mentioned we had time to order more stickers, brochures, etc.
  - c. Tuesday Night CX starting next week. We are welcome to attend with a COMOTA booth.
- IX. Adjournment: 8:52 pm

| Action/Event              | Owner         | Due Date           |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Rhett's Run               | Andy Schuette | June 14, 2026      |
| National Public Lands Day |               | September 26, 2026 |



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| Alpine Shop Pint Night              | Anita Ellis | July 23 2026 5-7pm |
| Show Me State Games                 |             | July 2026          |
| MU student Fair (Sustain Mizzou)    |             | Fall 2026          |
| Rock Bridge Revenge                 |             | Fall 2026          |
| Hinkson Happy Hour                  |             | Fall 2026          |
| COMOTA Volunteer Appreciation Event |             | Winter 2026-2027   |
| Three Creeks Torrent Trail Race     |             | March 13, 2027     |
| Columbia Earth Day                  |             | April 2027         |
| ForColumbia                         |             | April 2027         |
| National Trails Day                 |             | June 2027          |