



PMTA Board Meeting Minutes . February 3.2025 Started at 6:05 at Flournoy offices.

Malon welcome to all....

Malon- Welcoming new Board member Pete McGuire and Troy Amos..... Thanks much to Pete for already all the time he has put in working on Tail projects last couple years.. Largest board meeting turnout in several years. Only members not present were Ronnie Heard and Sam Burke.

Finance report. Investment account \$127,047.17 Synovus checking \$5428.73 with last two deposits of \$1025.00 and \$2365.00.

Jerry Brown- Membership report: see at the end of this report ... Many thanks to Jerry for his work on memberships for years now.

New discussion was how to get and retain members longer than one year. Proposed was going to offering a 3 year initial membership for \$30 (and after three years fee be \$25 for individual.) For families, \$45 for 3 years followed by \$35 per year. Organizational memberships remain at \$50 per year. Current Life Memberships are \$200 in individual, \$300 Family and \$400 for group/organization. Jerry to continue to urge on renewal letters to renew as LIFE member.

Tom Flournoy-

Update on state folks (ie Burn MOU at FDR with DNR)Tom told of getting up with Ellen Graham and she to forward him a report of how we can help and what their plans are. For now, no burns planned this calendar year. Her report to include other aspects such as hunts (Which as Jim Hall noted has NOT affected our trail per say..... Tom discussed again possible metal bridges through Rogers Metalcraft. Bill Vang and Mark Hughes to measure, take photos of existing bridges along Mountain Creek Nature Trail and get back with Tom on recommendations for possible “modular” sizes.

Trail maintaining plans & Trail Work-past and proposed and misc from : Jim Hall.....

STILL DO DO..... – Jim noted that soon he hoped to plan a workday. Mainly for uphill from Slippery Rock Falls to Bumble Bee Ridge. Needs major trail erosion control Water bars,/steps, and renew barriers on trail leading edge to maintain width and blocking cutting switchback.

Replace bog-bridge at Hines Gap Rd crossing (Jim has it ready).

Replace bridge near Sassafra Hill Campsite (cut out, needs deck sealing)

Upon warmer weather, Carl’s Cove work to include blow, drag and cut popping up roots again. The question was about adding gravel again. Jim and Tom to meet up to scrape the path and cut some water run off places.

Need for touch up on Beaver Pond to clear a few limbs and vines **soon** in Spring..

Still need of work with likely a scrape blade tractor on trail leading off Fox Den Cove PL>.

Review and plan work along Mile 13 to Hines Gap Road. Organize workday for this before warmer weather.

Whiskey Still Campsite: Need to do away with HUGE rock fire ring and bring in metal one. Metal fire rings are now installed at all backcountry campsites except Whiskey Still-Grindstone- Turtle Bluff.

Need to establish Urgent Access Route to Grindstone. Thanks to FDR folks for giving those metal fire rings to us.

Urging all to make a list of signs that are rotting and need replacing. Several signs still need sanding/recoating.

Craig Myers to continue to replace Emergency Phone sticker along trails as needed. Jim ordered additional.

Completed: Urgent Access Route- Callaway Inn parking lot to Little Bridges by Pete and Jim last June and added metal ring there. Issue with DNR reservation system campsite listings mainly solved. Still no photos. Least they listed in number order. Quite a few blowdowns over the last few months. Nearly weekly. Brother Eddie Hall has taken care of them.

Recently had tornado hit RV campground and then near new Mountain Creek Campsite . Trail rerouted in two places.

Due to flooding in 2024 in February and September, “steppin stone” crossing near Csonka Falls and Miles 22 made necessary addition of a 14’ and 16’ bridge. One hiker had fallen and broke ankle near Csonka Fall. New bridges installed twq weeks after hiker incident (early December.)

Jim reminded board members who have not picked up their free GA State Park annual pass at the park office to please do so.

PMT Map Revisions from Jim: All new regular and Kids maps were printed by end of May, along with all new display mas. Map printings, being changed, as Communicorp ceased printing maps end of May 2024..... Jim getting copies of files.

Likely our new printer will be Express Printing.

Map sales and trash-bags: The Park is still selling maps good and online....We mail out about 10 per week. Need new supplier to make trash bags. Park goes through several hundred per year.

Park Rescues and lost hikers, and deer hunt. - Park folks told of a few. The most concerning was the one near Csonka Falls where lady broke ankle in three places and had to be carried out (large 300 lb+) and one near Mile 10 (need an urgent access route to there too. . **Deer hunt** had 83 hunters take 39 deer. Some 5 hunters killed two deer. DNR officers gave 5 hikers citations for going out on CLOSED trail. One hiker walked right by hunter in climbing stand near Dead Pine Campsite and hunter reported the guy. **Mark Rissinger** the park maintenance Ranger, is planning to get up with Pete and Jim and he and couple others ride ALL the urgent access routes soon to make sure they know where they are and clear enough for Polaris where able.

Jim told of trail hiker/volunteer Mickey Storey and his situation last September. His truck broken into at No Name Parking Lot...Harris County Sheriff department investigated that break in and one at pool parking lot and caught the persons through camera footage taken in the park RV campground area.

Website: Jim Pound, thankfully he keeps things up and made corrections adding new map, rearranging the FAQ page, and updates as needed. Jim joined us on the meeting via Facetime.

Craig Myers brought up a good motion/idea. Need of a designated Trail Maintenance Supervisor again. Been well over seven years since Carl could not do this job (Carl passed away in 2019). . Suggested was **Pete McGuire**. Jim to talk with Pete about what this would involve before he makes acceptance decision (all hope he takes it.)

Many thanks to **Jim Cook** for keeping an eye on the Facebook page and monitoring new folks and existing members post (and comments that follow). . Each and every post Jim Cook has to approve before it is on the page.

Meeting concluded at 7:30 Next meeting set for April 1- 6:15...to meet at group shelter below dam at FDR State Park (BBQ Sandwiches, chips to be served so don't eat supper before hand).

Added note: Jim forgot to tell of awful silver spray painted words painted on left post of kiosk at Mile 23/Neals Rest found Sunday 2/2. Eddie Hall and hiker got some of it off to make words not readable. Ronnie Heard volunteered to go back soon and steel brush/sand and recoat the post as needed to restore. Besides someone scratching the Lexan on the map, this is first damage to that kiosk since it was built.

Membership Report as of 01/31/25				
Organization Life	21			
Family Life	118			
Individual Life	94			
Total Life	233			
Organization Annual	32			
Family Annual	111			
Individual Annual	112			
Total Annual	255			
Complimentary	13			
All Memeberships	501			
Lapsed Memberships	138			
Total Active Memberships	363			
Total Paid Memberships	350			
New Members Since 1/1/18/2024				
	Annual	Life	Total	Life Percentage
Organizations	4	0	4	0.0%
Family	25	1	26	3.8%
Individual	48	2	50	4.0%
Total	77	3	80	3.8%
Last 12 months				
eMemberships	43			
eRenewals	30			
Electronic Transactions	73			
Check Membership	0			
Check Renewal	4			
Check Transactions	4			
Total Transactions	77			
	95%	of all annual payments are electronic.		
	88%	of Renewals are electronic		
	100%	of New Memberships are electronic		
Memberships that have not renewed in past 2 years have been removed.				

Membership Statistic Comparison

	9/17/23	2/20/24	1/31/25
Organization Life	21	22	21
Family Life	117	117	118
Individual Life	96	99	94
Total Life	234	238	233
Organization Annual	27	31	32
Family Annual	100	96	111
Individual Annual	86	92	112
Total Annual	213	219	255
Complimentary	13	13	13
All Memeberships	460	470	501
Lapsed Memberships	96	103	138
Total Active Memberships	364	367	363
Total Paid Memberships	351	354	350
annual payments are electronic.	93%	95%	95%
Renewals are electronic	88%	88%	88%
New Memberships are electronic	96%	100%	100%