



February 28, 2023, PMTA Board meeting Minutes

Start at \_6:35\_\_\_\_\_ pm

Malon- Welcome and Finance report. Some \$21,472.03 in Synovus checking. Voted to move \$10K to money market account. Noted that it is time to renew insurance. Went from \$728 down to \$675 due in part to decreased number of board members. Main account setting at \$92, 874.45. We received a \$1000.00 donation from Walker Chandler and a \$50 one from another family.

**New business:** Jim and Malon

Reviewed last years work: Carl's Cove Trail and opening and noted being used quite a bit. --Noted that the new metal bridge down near Group Shelter access trail was good fix for situation and it will be there a long time. .Reviewed Volunteer workday by company group in October (cleaning Urgent Access route to Beech Bottom, adding water bars on Mile 22.5 to 23, Carl's Cove spruce up)----Talked about destroyed signs at Rocky Point and replacements for there and White Candle intersection-Csonka Falls—Jim put new bench at Bumble Bee Ridge and two at Cascade Falls---,Discussed why doing away with second fire rings at Dead Pine-Bumble Bee Ridge-Old Sawmill-Jenkins Springs-Beech Bottom-Sparks Creek and Little Bridges Campsite and campsite use in general.. Jim and Mark noted blocking of off illegal trails near Bumble Bee Ridge and Comb's Crossing---Jim added new walkway west of Mile 22 ---

On our discussion on group workdays, we decided to just to workdays on as-need basis. And for group led hikes, we will post notices of the park led hikes. Tom and Malon to look into the Proposed 2023 "controlled burn" areas (Small Group Camp and OTP area).

**Jerry Brown-** Membership report (attached)

**Tom Flournoy-** Told of contacting local professional scout executive and need for more interaction with scouts on the board and continue to find/develop new blood for the board. Also, we discussed getting Girl Scouts and maybe a Trail Life group involved. As for possible purchase 9f American Chestnut trees and who to plant them, we on hold for that as seedlings not available.,

**Trail maintaining plans:** Jim reviewed current trail maintainers and noted of encouraging them. Told of Barry Ethridge has taken on Sawtooth Trail and done good job. Craig Myers checking campsites on east end and LR Massie maintaining Mile 6.2 to access route before Mile 9. Jim told of brother Eddie Hall cutting a BUNCH of blowdowns this past year and this year already. Motion was made and carried to send Eddie a thank you note and Malon suggested and we did buy Eddie a new Stihl 260 saw on March 2. Eddie is hiking/ checking on east end and other places about twice a week now.

**We discussed some things that need to be done on the trail:**

Blow and drag Carl's Cove and cut popping up roots again.

We need to cut down the dead Beech tree at Csonka Falls area., before it falls on bridge..

Jim told about "chipper" work on Beaver Pond Trail and the access road toward Old Sawmill.

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

There is a need to cut a new Urgent Access Route toward Mile 22, but Jim and Eddie having hard time with route.

Check out and think about work along Mile 13 to Hines Gap Road. Need to organize work day for this.

Uphill from Slippery Rock Falls to Bumble Bee Ridge needs water bars and major trail erosion control.

Jim urged all to make a list of signs that are rotting and need replacing

Jim to work on ordering new display maps for Mile 23 and Dowdell's. Knob due to fading.

**Map sales and trash-bags:** Jim . More trash bags received and stored in our shed at park. Post meeting, on 3/3 3000 2023 maps with additions of Carl's Cove were picked up ...Jim noted the increase in cost by about .30 and thus we will be rounding up online price up to \$5.50 from \$5. Charging FDR park office \$3.50 (with our cost of \$1.49)

**Park Rescues and lost hikers-** Jim noted several instances had come up. Then on 3/5 a couple was walking the Long Leaf Loop and missed the Pool Trail turn and hiked 3 more miles east then off trail half mile before being found. Had map, didn't read it!

Website: Jim Pound , thankfully still keep things up and made corrections adding new map especially. .  
Encouraging Craig Myers to get back on board as well as Danny Rock.

Meeting concluded at 7:35 Next meeting set for\_ April 15 at 11:30 am at FDR group shelter (lunch served).

<b>Membership Report as of 02/28/2023</b>			
Organization Life	21		
Family Life	114		
Individual Life	94		
<b>Total Life</b>	<b>229</b>		
Organization Annual	23		
Family Annual	107		
Individual Annual	96		
<b>Total Annual</b>	<b>226</b>		
Complimentary	13		
<b>All Memeberships</b>	<b>468</b>		
Lapsed Memberships	106		
<b>Total Active Memberships</b>	<b>362</b>		
<b>Total Paid Memberships</b>	<b>349</b>		
<b>New Members Since 3/1/2022</b>			
	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Life</b>	<b>Total</b>
Organizations	4	1	5
Family	22	1	23
Individual	24	6	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Last 12 months</b>			
<b>eMemberships</b>	<b>56</b>		
<b>eRenewals</b>	<b>52</b>		
<b>Electronic Transactions</b>	<b>108</b>		
<b>Check Membership</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>Check Renewal</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>Check Transactions</b>	<b>8</b>		
<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>116</b>		
	<b>93%</b>	<b>of all annual payments are electronic.</b>	
	<b>90%</b>	<b>of Renewals are electronic</b>	
	<b>97%</b>	<b>of New Memberships are electronic</b>	
Memberships that have not renewed in past 2 years have been removed.			