

Ouachita Mountain Hiker Board Meeting
November 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Davis.

Present:

Jim Davis, President

Theresa Keyser, V.P.

Linda Branim, Membership-Treasurer

Bill Stanley, Hike Chair

Ralph Butler, Trail Maintenance

Tom Calhoun, Webmaster-Publicity

Ernie Weidenberger, Historian

President Report: Debbie Van Veghel is in charge of Nominating Committee for 2019 Board Members: Vote will be held at Member meeting later tonight.

Vice-President Report: Speaker tonight is Ken Freeman, Coordinator of Hot Springs Parks and Trails program for the city of Hot springs. Discussed options for upcoming Holiday party on December 13, 2018. Options presented consisted of return to DeSoto Club or Rolando's. The Board voted to hold the event at the DeSoto Club. Club will pay \$10 per person toward the costs.

Treasurer/Membership: We have 290 "current" members though many of those are Lifetime members who are not actively hiking. Memberships were slow to renew this year, many individuals have not renewed due to injuries or have moved from the area. 81 reminder letters were sent and 20 responses received, 10 indicating they were sending checks immediately, 10 not renewing. Those individuals who did not respond were removed from the "Current Hiker" roster. There was brief discussion about the future of our finances as Lifetime memberships seem to be increasing and it was recommended that we give some consideration to that as we ponder expenses. I will forward the report I submitted last Spring to current Board members. Bank Balance: \$4906.64

Hike Chair: Bill has been working hard and communicating with Hike Leaders, receiving lots of good suggestions. Updated Spring Schedule will be ready for December.

Trail Maintenance: Ralph reports that nothing much has changed. Not much participation. Recommendation was made that our section of the OT be previewed periodically and decision made as to whether trail needs work. Perhaps make it a special activity rather than a monthly event.

Webmaster: Website is up to date.

Historian: Ernie questions the necessity of maintaining history as it is already on our website via hike reports, etc. He has been unable to locate the Club's Shutterfly Photo books. Per Ernie, "I also question the need for a historian position as it exists on the Web site. Tom Calhoun is putting together a history link for the web site. And with the elimination of the historians position it would be one less member to recruit to the board. And if the position is kept the job description needs to be completely redone to reflect our current operation."

Meeting was dismissed in time for our Member meeting at 6:00 pm