

## Revised Minutes of the OMH Members Meeting

March 21, 2019

Executive Board Members Present: Joy Linker, Vanessa Edgar, Tom Calhoun, Ralph Butler, Debbie VanVeghel

Attending: David Blankenship – Historian, Marilyn Hall – Merchandise Sales

Total in Attendance: 29

Call to Order: 6:00 PM at Smokin' In Style by President Joy Linker

### **President's Remarks:**

Many members came early to enjoy dinner at Smokin' In Style prior to the start of the meeting. Joy asked new members in attendance to introduce themselves and welcomed them to the meeting. She reminded those in attendance that the increase in the carpool ride share to 10 cents per mile will go into effect April 1, 2019. The new OMH banner that the Club recently acquired, with the help from Theresa Keyser, was on display for all to view. It was announced of the passing of long-time member Ben Glazer. Member's stated that there was an announcement in the paper listing that there would be a memorial service held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Cedarvale Funeral Home in HS Village.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Linda Branim provided the current treasurer's report to the President to read in her absence. As of March 15, 2019, there are currently 310 paid members and the checking account balance was \$4,225.69. There is one outstanding check in the amount of \$50, which would leave a balance in the account of \$4,175.69.

### **Trail Maintenance Report:**

Ralph reported that due to prior weather conditions, today's OT trail maintenance was the first one that the Club was able to do since December. It was a very successful day as they were able to cut and remove many trees from the trail.

### **Hike Chair Report:**

Bill Stanley was absent so Joy shared that Bill had taken a small exploratory group over to southwest Oklahoma to check out the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge to determine if it would be a good Club trip in the future. Along with seeing bison and elk, they enjoyed some interesting hiking adventures.

**Merchandise Chair Report:**

Marilyn announced that there were still a variety of Club t-shirts available and the short sleeve are selling for \$10 and the long sleeve are \$15.

**VP/Program Chair Report:**

Vanessa provided information on upcoming Club activities. She announced that there will be a Club survey sent out to members soon and she hopes everyone will participate. The feedback will be used to see if there are places the Club needs to look into for future hikes, whether there is anyone who would like to help with being a future hike leader or officer, and also to determine whether or not the Club is providing the program and activities members are looking for. Vanessa noted that this year's "End of Year Picnic" will be held at the Cortez Pavilion and the Christmas Party in December will move back to the Coronado Center.

**Evening Program:**

Vanessa introduced tonight's guest speaker Doug Hanson, who is a geologist with the Arkansas Geological Survey based out of Little Rock. Doug explained some of his work including the geologic mapping of four quadrangles around Hot Springs National Park and his duties covering the Ouachita Mountains, Arkansas Valley and West Gulf Coastal Plain areas. To explain in more detail, Doug brought with him and displayed the Geologic Map of Ouachita Mountain Region, a project he has been mapping for some time. He discussed with the group the difference between the Ouachita and Ozark Mountains, what type of rocks formations you would find and where and how they were formed. He shared samples of Novaculite rock that is found in and around Hot Springs and was used for cutting implements and arrowheads and Sandstone rock that is usually used for crushed stone. His program was very informative about the areas in which we hike.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie VanVeghel, Secretary