

## **Minutes of the OMH Members Meeting June 1, 2019**

Executive Board Members Present: Joy Linker, Vanessa Edgar, Ralph Butler, Bill, Stanley

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

Total in Attendance: 25

Call to Order: 5:20 PM at Cortez Pavilion by President Joy Linker

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

Joy welcomed all hikers to the Annual Year End Picnic and asked if there were any new members in attendance. She acknowledged the numerous hikes that had been canceled due to weather this past Spring. It was noted that dues will be the same as last year, \$5 annual and \$50 lifetime. The Nominating Committee for the 2020/2021 Board will be: Jim Gifford, Ralph Butler & Anita Moore.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As Linda Branim was unable to attend the picnic, Joy read the Treasurer's report and the January 2019 Audit Report.

“For End of the Season report, we have 315 current members as of May 30, 2019 and \$4,484.56 in our checking account with one outstanding check of \$44.60 and other expected payments to Vanessa for expenses incurred at last Member meeting and the EOY (End of Year) expenses. We are ending the year on a healthy note Membership-wise and Financially.”

“Audit January 2019

**Recommendation:** The 2018 or 2019 Audit Committees may want to re-format our original WORKSHEET to make it a more ‘workable’ for the committee Such as, lines/boxes, etc. would make research easier to record. The use of an audit spread sheet was very helpful. The one used here was done by EJ, and is available in electronic form.

We found **Linda Branim's {Elected Treasurer of OMH}** reconciliation of the check book, noted disbursements {date, to whom, amount, authorization category, interest received, credits, bank charges, & BALANCE ON HAND to be supported by:

bank statements  
checkbook ledger  
financial statement  
cash receipts  
2018 Membership Deposits (Cash & Checks) Report

We found all financial postings to be accurate, complete, & records easily monitored as needed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019** Audit Committee:

1. Re-format **Committee Worksheet** for Club Audit Procedure
2. Convert **Financial Reports** to a spreadsheet format with formulas and computer generated totals for cross checking entries.

Linda Branim did a **GRAND JOB** and needs a REWARD for all her efforts---”

### **Vice President/Program Chair Report**

Vanessa discussed the results of the OMH Survey that was sent out to members on our website. Overall, the response was good, 133 members responded making up 40% of membership. Three main reasons given why hikers do not participate more were:

1. Live far away or only live in the area part-time
2. Busy
3. Health issues

Some of the comments highlighted by Vanessa included:

1. Would like other outdoor activities offered
2. Hike slower
3. Offer more over-night hiking trips
4. Include more trails
5. Vanessa felt the best comment by a hiker was that we did not offer cocktails along the trail.

### **Hike Chair Report:**

Bill Stanley discussed the Fall Schedule. He pointed out the Fall Schedule has been on the OMH Website since May and there were still opportunities for hike leaders.

Bill talked about the three OT hikes that will be on the Fall schedule:

1. Hwy. 298 to Ouachita Pinnacle in October
2. Turner Creek Gap to FR 48 in November
3. FR #78N to Hwy 298 in December

He also stated that we will finish the 3 year OT cycle on schedule in the Spring of 2020. In order to do this, there will be three OT make up hikes that had been canceled due to bad weather.

He also highlighted the 5 day LOVista-thon covering the entire Vista Trail from 11/19 through 11/23 ending with a picnic at the Avery Pavilion.

Bill is looking for volunteers to lead the three scheduled overnight hikes this coming Fall.

1. The Cossatot River in October (available in the area are tent camping, cabins and RV parking)
2. OT Section One in November
3. Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge & Broken Bow (possibly an entire week)

Lastly, Bill will be working on the 2020 Spring Hike Schedule draft in early August.

**Trail Maintenance Report:**

Ralph said that due to weather and resulting canceled dates this past Spring, there were no shirts to be handed out for volunteers.

**Historian Report:**

David asked hikers again to please send him pictures taken on hikes.

**Merchandise Sales Report:**

Marilyn brought OMH shirts for sale; short sleeve wicking shirts for \$10 and long sleeve wicking shirts for \$15.

**Bill Lammers/ Trail Maintenance for Hot Springs National Park:**

Out of the 4 scheduled trail maintenance dates scheduled for HSNP, two were canceled due to weather. Bill decided that if volunteers made the two dates, they would receive a HSNP hat. There were four volunteers who qualified:

Rick Erickson, Jeannie Eichler, Jan Kerr and Marilyn Hall.

As there was no guest speaker, the meeting was adjourned and the picnic commenced.

Respectfully submitted for Debbie VanVeghel, Joy Linker