

Oak Ridge MST Committee Minutes – 23 Aug 2022

KIOSK & TRAIL GRAND OPENING

Kiosk is complete and Ben Jones is going to come on Friday, Aug 26 at 10:30 am to install. With that complete, planning can start on the grand opening of the Headwaters Trail. Feedback:

- The sooner, the better, the bigger the blast the better, but Sept is a really busy month for MST people and it may be hard to get people to attend due to other commitments. Suggest looking at October.
- Important to designate a couple of days. Definitely want Brent from the MST.
- Someone from State Parks (Smith or Ben)
- Option for dates
 - 1st pick is Friday, Oct 21
 - 2nd pick is Friday, Oct 28
- Anne will get with Martha to get the list of dignitaries and special guests from the last grand opening. Joel will provide the list of all of the volunteers who helped work on the Headwaters Trail since it started.

HEADWATERS TRAIL

Need to schedule another workday for trail maintenance on both trails. In the meantime, Joel is going to take care of the downed trees that need attention within the next week.

Workday Dates: Saturday, Sept 3 and (if needed) Wednesday, Sept 14

Joel will get with Bill Royal and Randy to send out invite for workday and SignUp Genius

SIGNAGE

No news

SIDEPATH/HAW RIVER ROAD

Contractor attempted to repair the damage to the path but will have to come back and fix issues that were not resolved

Terry Landon is going to have someone spray the side path to clean up the grass growing over the path

NEXT PHASE – LINVILLE TO TOWN PARK/CARRIAGE COVE

Bill Bruce reached out to project manager at Carriage Cove to connect on where to park but has not been able to reach them. Also needs to get in touch with the owner of Scuba Tools.

THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL

Martha has received information about the events and what is being planned and forwarded to the committee. Events will be held in all 100 counties. We can participate however we want. Building Cities/Towns/Communities Working Group. Will share branding and digital tools including social media to incorporate into our communications.

Could we partner with Summerfield and energize trail movement/building between Oak Ridge and Summerfield. Can help to rebuild momentum by capitalizing on Bandera funding.

Oak Ridge will join the working group – Bill Bruce and Martha will discuss what joining the working group means and what it would entail.

Another option is to work with the people leading the MST trail efforts near Belews Lake.

MST UPDATE

Many activities are being planned for MST's 45th birthday in September. Joel suggests that everyone visit the MST website to look at the list of activities including zoom calls and group hikes.

Bamboo hiking staffs have been made for Heritage Days (Sept 24 | 10-4). Committee members will need to sign up for shifts. Joel will provide colored tape, children's scissors and a Sharpie.

In preparation for the event, we need updated information on the trails in Oak Ridge. Suggest printing out the content that was created for the kiosk as handouts (100 copies). Anne will check with Jim Grode to make sure that there are no issues with the MST Committee printing that out and providing to the public.

T-SHIRT SALES

There are a few smalls and a few large. We'll revisit re-stocking in the future.

GUIDED HIKES

None

FACEBOOK PAGE

Anne to send pics of kiosk installation to Ashley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Holly Steward, Selby Chipman's mom, may be interested. Martha will reach out to her in a few days to follow-up.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Committee agreed that we wouldn't allow postings on back of kiosk. Reflectors and property number are both up at the new parking lot.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27