

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
ATC 2010 2nd Quarter meeting, April 6, 2010

Meeting called to order 10:05

Members present:

Loretta Melancon – ATC Chair	Courtney Todd – ATC Vice Chair	
Jim Gifford	Bert Turner	Lenny Melancon
Tom Ferguson	Walter B. Red III	Jerry Strickland
Butch Penney	Roy Stovall	Dwan Garrison
Rosalie Linnear	Norma Sims	Lynn Green
Bernie Arrowood	Marilyn Yoniles	John Deming
Kevin G. Cheri	Mark D. Foster	Ralph E. Weber
Steve Sampers	Nate Arthur	Wendy Treptow
John Beneke – ATC Executive Secretary		

No corrections needed for ATC 2010 1st Quarterly Meeting minutes:

- Motion to approve 1st Quarterly Meeting minutes as written by Jim Gifford, seconded by Bert Turner, motion passed unanimously.

Self-introductions by attendees.

Update on Buffalo National River – Kevin Cheri and John Deming

- Creation of the General Management Plan for BNR is in early stages.
- Trails on BNR include backcountry and equestrian trails.
- Mike Simpson of BNR friends group is coordinating trail volunteers.

Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as guidelines for meetings – Loretta Melancon

- Issues include absentee voting and motions (discussion and passage).
- Motion to approve Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as guidelines for meetings by Bert Turner, seconded by ?, motion passed unanimously.

Update on Arkansas Trails Day – Courtney Todd and Loretta Melancon:

- It is scheduled on the Pinnacle Mountain State Park calendar for June 12, 2010 (one week after National Trails Day).
- Events include educational sessions and presentation of Trails Professional, Advocate and Volunteer of the Year awards.
- Governor has been invited to attend and present awards.
- PR efforts to include newspaper and radio announcements.

Arkansas Trails Day event by North Central Master Gardeners – Wendy Treptow

- To be held at David's Trail at Panther Bay on June 12 from 9am-3pm.
- Will include 3 nature stations: Geology, Wildlife, Native Trees and Wildflowers.
- Slogan is 'Encouraging an Active Lifestyle'.
- David's Trail Foundation and Wells Fargo are providing financial support.

Trail clearing around Beaver Lake – Steve Sampers

- NW Arkansas Master Naturalists are coordinating with the Corps of Engineers to clear trail along shore of Beaver Lake.

Publicizing National Trails Day Events – Courtney Todd, John Beneke

- American Hiking Society will publish National Trails Day events for trails groups on their website www.americanhiking.org - click on the website and fill in the information. If you would like to publish on the ATC website, please e-mail John Beneke at john.beneke@arkansas.gov or by 'contact' link on ATC website www.arkansastrailscouncil.com

Trails Advocate, Professional and Volunteer of the Year Awards – John Beneke

- Nominations that were sent in were read aloud, floor nominations were accepted, nominees for each of the three awards were voted on and presentations will be made about noon on June 12, 2010 at the Arkansas Trails Day event held at Pinnacle Mountain State Park.

Arkansas Trails System – Bert Turner

- Bert has created a spreadsheet for nominations for the Arkansas Trails System.
- All nominated trails will be included within the system by virtue of someone taking the time and effort to nominate i.e. no other criteria will need to be met.
- It was suggested that relative difficulty (easy, moderate, strenuous) and GPS coordinates for trailhead(s) also be included on the spreadsheet.
- Making the list available on the ATC website was discussed – specifics will be worked out once list is ready for publication.

Arkansas Trails Plan – John Beneke

- Past due on publishing Arkansas Trails Plan – most recent plan dates 1987.
- ATC membership and trails organizations will be asked to contribute information.
- Plan is to function as a general plan identifying needs, funding mechanisms, organizations, successful projects, recommendations, etc.
- Outline will be produced by State Trails Coordinator and discussed during future ATC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05

BYO lunch and socializing followed adjournment.