

Meeting Minutes
Spruce Creek Trail Association
March 8, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

Membership count (for 2016, paid) is now at 19, with three lifetime memberships. Last year we topped out at 110. We will approach Ricky Raines about making his membership lifetime in lieu of his taking a board position. This will allow some new blood on the board as many new property owners are now coming in.

A thank you letter was sent to Road Commissioner Norris and also the person who was using our rock stockpile has been informed that SCTA rock is not the same as “the people's rock.”

Roof work is complete and seems to be holding up thru winter.

Sue Bertch has done extensive and exemplary work on tracking down the actual deeds to trails we own. More to be done.

Roger Bertch has done nice work on the web site, without the use of additional software. The Board decided to leave Facebook Groups and Pages that already exist as our entry to social media. One more “spruce creek” group or page would just confuse people.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedules

April 30th (Saturday) – Membership Drive, SCTA to provide hot dogs. No music. Announce the vacancies that will be open for the May meeting and encourage new blood.

May 29th (Sunday) – Memorial Day is Monday the 30th.

July 3rd (Sunday) - 4th of July is Monday.

September 4th (Sunday) – Labor Day is Monday, Sept 5th

October 9th (Sunday) – Columbus Day is Monday, Oct 10th.

In the past there has been some heartburn about using “trail money” to pay for music. Not a lot, but some. So this year we will contract with the bands (three SEPARATE bands for the three big holiday weekends) and put out a donation jar so that those who stay and enjoy the music can chip in. SCTA will make up the difference if the tips don't cover the bands' cost. If the tips exceed the cost, the bands did well and keep the difference.

The April potluck will have no band; it will be all about meeting new neighbors and membership issues. The October potluck will be followed by a neighborhood jam session led by the Spruce Creek Ramblers. Bring your instrument of choice, your great singing voice, and have a great time.

Board Elections

Danny Hatcher stepped down as Trail Manager. Max Traven has stepped in, and was approved. Board positions open in May are Max's, Brenda Goett's and Ricky Raines.

Trails

We've decided to have “fixed” trail work days and rain dates, set for the entire year. This will eliminate the last-minute e-blasts. Schedule below:

WORK DATE	RAIN DATE
Wed. March 23 rd	Wed. March 30
Wed. April 13 th	Wed. April 20 th
Wed. May 11 th	Wed. May 18 th
Wed. June 15 th	
Sat. June 25 th	
Wed. July 13 th	Wed. July 20 th
Wed. Aug 10 th	Wed. Aug 17 th
Wed. Sep 14 th	
Sat. Sept 24 th	
Wed. Oct 12 th	Wed. Oct 19 th

We will also explore a Trail Advisory Committee to help with prioritizing tasks and trails based on need. An “Adopt-A-Trail” program may also be adopted. Board will explore sending Max to an NPS workshop on trail maintenance.

Larry McMillan asked for a donation to help work on the trail that crosses 297 coming from his concession into Spruce Creek. We don't have any money to give, but can offer use of our pavilion if he wants to hold a fundraiser. Or we could offer manpower on one of our workdays.

Newsletter

Notes from the President.
Cumberland Back Country Horsemen (new chapter)