

ROC Meeting Minutes: August 2018

In Attendance: Willie Lowe, Dana Bradley, Jody Fletcher, Bruce Rome, Lisa Rome, Van Dotson, Cindy Dotson, Kathy Coldren, Dennis Coldren, Ray Gaj, Ed Dittmer, Kay Dittmer, Bruce McKinney, Ray Guy, Tim Will, Robin Worcester, Larry Beasley.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

- **ROC Past Event Recap:**
 - 7/21: Walk with a Doc
 - 8/4: Pick it Up ROCO at Harbor Freight and ICC Parking
 - 8/5: ROC River Float: Sections 2 & 3 (12 people attended + one dog)
 - 8/21: Buffalo Creek Park Workday

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ROC Bearwallow Sunset Hike, **August 24th at 5:30 pm**
 - ROC Walk with Brother Wolf, **August 25th at 10 am**
 - ROC Broad River Fall Sweep, **September 16th at 10 am**
 - ROC Walnut Creek Preserve Hike, **September 22nd at 9 am**

- **Outdoor Programs Director – Projects Update:**
 - Walking Club: The walking club will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on Wednesdays at 8:30 am. There was a flyer handed out which states that the new times start on September 1st
 - The Couch to 5K program: 12 participants max; it will be free for ROC members and \$15 for everyone else. Possibly to occur in the Spring.
 - Jenna Bailey is making permanent metal signs for the Purple Martin Greenway and Summey Park.

- **Trail Projects:**
 - Rail Trail: The section in Spindale has been realigned so that it meets Department of Transportation standards. Oakland Road to Florence Baptist has been paved, they will stop at 74 and pave downtown Spindale. Prep crew will work on prepping 64 to Gilkey Lumber during this time.
 - Broad River: There was a workday on July 29th on Section 5, another workday on August 12th on Sections 4 and 5, and there will be the annual Broad River Fall Sweep on September 16th.
 - Young's Mountain: 320 acres of land are being purchased by Conserving Carolina in November and this will include Ken's Rock. They are hoping to break ground on the new trail there soon. Future connection to Buffalo Creek Park is a possibility. This will be a hiking-only trail.

- Upper Hickory Nut Gorge: The Trombatore trail should eventually connect to Florence Nature Preserve. Little Bearwallow Mountail trail is the newest trail completed and is a great place for ice climbing. Wildcat Rock can be reached 2 miles into the trail.
- Purple Martin Trail: Work on Phase IV has begun.
- ICC Trails: The trails seem to be in good shape.
- Whistlepig Trail Concept: This is the name that has been assigned to the trail that could potentially be installed between Rutherfordton and Lake Lure. This trail would make use of the sewer line easement.
- Luremont Trail: Little over a mile loop.
- **Race Series**:
 - Purple Martin 5K is the next race in the series and will be happening on October 6th.
 - The Tour De Pumpkin and Hilltop Fest will be on October 6th
 - Kay and Ed Dittmer also discussed the Lake Lure Olympiad and took a few minutes to tell us how it went.