

ROC Meeting Minutes: July 2017

In Attendance: Jerry Stensland, Willie Lowe, Dana Bradley, Hallie Zeedik, Ginny Moore, Ed Dittmer, Kay Dittmer, Steve Gilbert, Zach Byers, Bruce Byers, Bruce Rome, Ashley Lowery, Robin Worcester, Chris Olsen, Mike Stephenson, John Maddry, Tim Will

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm
- A special thank you was extended to Hallie Zeedik for her service as the 2016-2017 AmeriCorps Trails Coordinator. Her last day is July 31st and she will be missed. She plans to still come to some of our ROC events in the future.
- Our new AmeriCorps member is Trevor Freeman and he will begin in September. Trevor is local and is already familiar with many of our trails in Rutherford County.
- **ROC Past Event Recap:**
 - The Broad River Spring Sweep on June 24th was a huge success with 1.
 - Our 1st Brother Wolf Walk with the shelter pets was held on July 16th. We had a great turnout and everyone had a great time walking the dogs on the Rail Trail. We will be partnering with Brother Wolf for a walk each month from now on.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - July 22nd – Little Bradley hike at 9 am. **Meet at the annex at 8:15 am** to carpool.
 - Our next ROC Brother Wolf Walk will be on **August 5th from 9 am to 11 am.**
- **Outdoor Programs Director – Projects Update:**
 - This is week 8 of the 2nd Couch to 5K program. Turnout has been good in spite of the high temperatures and 14 people are regularly attending.
 - Muddy Sneakers: Rutherfordton and Pinnacle Elementary have signed up for the Muddy Sneakers program and Dana Bradley will be the lead educator for these schools this year. Sunshine and Forrest Hunt Elementary have applied for funding and if they receive it, Dana will be the lead educator for those schools, as well.
- **Trail Projects:**
 - Tourism Partnership: ROC will be partnering with Rutherford County Tourism to provide maps to visitors and others seeking information about local trails. A kiosk will be set up in the Welcome Center and will allow users to access our ROC website. Tourism will pay a small fee to ROC for us providing the maps.
 - Rail Trail: Railroad ties will soon be removed from Forrest Hunt Elementary down to Oakland Road. This will be the 1st new section to be installed and will be 12-foot wide when it is completed.
 - Buffalo Creek Park/Summits Trail: The Eagle Rock Trail is nearly complete. This new trail is closed to the public until work is completed but an opening date should be announced soon. A spur trail will be added that will lead to the bottom of Eagle Rock through a cave area.

- Purple Martin Trail: The trail has new stairs installed that give users access to Cleghorn Creek.
- ICC Trails: New trail markers and trail maps will be installed soon. Hallie Zeedik has planned a workday for June 23rd at 9 am to install the new maps and trail. Turner Construction will be volunteering their time to help us on this day.
- **Race Series**:
 - The Olympiad Dam Run 10K is coming up on August 11th and the Olympiad Race to the Rock 5K will be held on August 3th. More information can be found at <http://www.rutherfordoutdoor.org/running-race-series-overview>.