

ROC Meeting Minutes: June 2018

In Attendance: Jerry Stensland, Willie Lowe, Dana Bradley, Trevor Freeman, Lisa Rome, Bruce Rome, Robin Worcester, Jody Fletcher, Ray Gaj, Karen Johnson, Steve Gilbert, and Barbara Mears

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- **ROC Past Event Recap:**
 - 6/2: ROC Walk with Brother Wolf
 - 6/3: ROC Crabtree Falls Hike
 - 6/9-6/10: ROC River float / camping trip postponed until 7/21-7/22
 - 6/12: Buffalo Creek Park Invasive Species Workday
 - 6/19: Buffalo Creek Park Workday
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ROC Little Bradley Falls Hike: **June 23rd at 10 am**
 - ROV Walk with Brother Wolf, **July 7th at 10 am**
 - ROC River Float: Sections 11 and 12, **July 15th at 9 am**
 - ROC River Float and Campout, **July 21st at 10 am until July 22nd at 12 pm**
- **Outdoor Programs Director – Projects Update:**
 - Website update: email reminders about membership renewal and corporate levels will be implemented soon. Updates to interactive trails map and other items are being updated
 - *Add McDowell trails
 - RHI Legacy: ROC is applying for funding again.
- **Trail Projects:**
 - Rail Trail: The trail has been smoothed back out and is open for pedestrian use only until the paving is completed in fall of this year. The trail may be uneven or rough in spots, so use caution. As early as next week, paving could begin.
 - Broad River: River road improvements have started.
 - Buffalo Creek Park/Weedpatch Mountain: The Weedpatch Mountain Trail is now open to the public; one cannot access it yet, however, because Buffalo Creek Park is currently closed.
 - 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: Phase IIIA is now paved and open to the public. Phase IV will extend the trail to Kiwanis Park and should be completed in fall of 2018. The Purple Martin 7K will be held on the trail in October.
- ICC Trails: They are in good shape.
- Chimney Rock: The park is back open, although there is no parking at the top lot (a shuttle is available). All trails are open.
- 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.
- **Race Series:**
 - Meet me at the Fountain 5K is coming up on July 28th.
 - The Tour de Pumpkin will be on October 6th, we will need volunteers to help us staff the event.