

**Board Meeting Minutes – Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club**  
**October 17, 2002      7pm-9:30pm**

**Attendees:** Cathy Neher; Richard Angeli; Tom Okerberg; Lewis & Beth Bramlett; Clark Dixon; Leah Urben; Marion Harris

Items for discussion:

- 1) Bylaws and Policies & Rules:
  - a. Bylaws: The club name needs to be updated and the hyperlinks need to be removed. Tom will update and send to Richard to post on the website.
  - b. Policies & Rules: The decision was made to hold off on these at this point. Will readdress the issue at a later point.
  
- 2) Member Application and VIP Forms:
  - a. Forms
    - i. Membership forms- Leah will maintain a list of all club members (in Excel). She also will keep all originals in a folder/notebook.
    - ii. VIP Forms- Marion will need the original copy of all VIP forms. Leah will keep a backup.
    - iii. Marion to investigate a group VIP form
  - b. Form Locations: Forms can be found at the following locations:
    - i. Park Visitor Center
    - ii. Trip leader packets
    - iii. Website (<http://kemotrailcorps.org>)
  
- 3) Status of 501c3 (handout)
  - a. Estimated costs to incorporate approximately \$250.00
  - b. Purpose is to allow the club to raise money and to limit liability of officers
  - c. Address
    - i. Permanent: park service
    - ii. Mailing: Tom's home or business
  - d. Raise money: Club will put out the hat at the Oct 24<sup>th</sup> mtg. Tom will create a receipt.
  - e. Richard will send a reminder of the meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> and will mention the need to raise money to allow the club to incorporate and for the website name registration.
  
- 4) First Event: October 19 Trash Pickup
  - a. Section leaders
    - i. All have confirmed participation.
      1. Visitor Center- Lewis and Beth Bramlett
      2. Cheatham Hill- Jamie Redmond and Jesse Smally
      3. Kolb's Farm- Sally Thomason
      4. Burnt Hickory- Rob and Beverly Skeen
      5. Illinois Monument- Anne Ledoux
    - ii. Meet at 9am at park maintenance area to get trash bags and packets
    - iii. Instructions
      1. Work in pairs

2. Return trash bags to start point
  3. Assign trail areas to cover
  4. Complete necessary forms
- b. Richard and Marion will be roving to visit all areas. Will pick up trash bags. Will get a count of bags collected.
- 5) First Trail Project – Summit Project
- a. Survey held on Oct 16 by Olin & Beverly Batchelor, Richard, Cathy and Marion. Cover area from the top of Big Kennesaw to the lower fence on the back side.
    - i. 16 items on to do list
    - ii. Several GATC volunteers
    - iii. Need 10 “Pros” at 5 “Pilgrims” to 1 “Pro”
    - iv. Will have both Adult tasks and Scout tasks
    - v. Cathy shared details on the Weed Wrench
    - vi. Suggested reading: *Appalachian Trail: Design, Construction, Maintenance*
    - vii. Richard will meet again with Olin 1 week before to mark the trail
- 6) Miscellaneous Items
- a. Board Member Cell Phone#’s:
    - i. Leah 770-656-7463
    - ii. Richard 770-356-4265
    - iii. Cathy 404-375-3871
    - iv. Tom 678-549-0095
    - v. Marion 770-616-0011 ([mwharris@direcway.com](mailto:mwharris@direcway.com))
    - vi. Clark 404-281-2974
    - vii. Lewis & Beth 770-235-5888
- 7) New Business
- a. Education Committee
    - i. Focus
      1. Members of Club – How’s and Why’s of trail maintance
      2. General Public – Stay on Trails, Carry out trash
    - ii. Resource Management Plan of KEMO Park resource guideline for what we can/should focus on
    - iii. Possible once a month “Training Session” to learn the details of trail maintenance for club members and general public
      1. Show what the problems are
      2. How to remedy problems
      3. Basic Maintenance
      4. Leave no trace
    - iv. Public outreach might include
      1. Subdivisions on outskirts of park with social trails (goal is to close all Social Trails)
      2. School track clubs that train in the park
      3. Etc.....
  - b. Publications Committee:

- i. Brochure – Lewis and Beth will work to complete
  - ii. Calendar – Beth will maintain as part of the club website
  - iii. Website - Web site <http://kemotrailcorps.org> will be live in the next couple of days; has the ability to publish newsletters. Beth and Richard will set up a meeting with Jerry Givan to be the webmaster
  - iv. Publicity – will work to create a list of newspaper contacts
    - 1. AJC
    - 2. Marietta Daily Journal
    - 3. Creative Loafing
- c. Trails Committee: First Meeting Tuesday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 8) Next Meeting Agenda Items
- a. Pass hat to raise money to incorporate
  - b. Discuss Oct 19 trash pick up event
  - c. Calendar
  - d. Ratify Clark as club education chair
  - e. New website at <http://kemotrailcorps.org>
  - f. New club email address [kemotrailcorps@yahoo.com](mailto:kemotrailcorps@yahoo.com)

#### **FUTURE DATES:**

- ✓ **Board Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month**
  - November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - January 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Etc....
- ✓ **Workdays 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month**
  - November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Etc/....
- ✓ **General Club Meetings**
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> – This will be the last meeting of the entire membership at least through the end of this year.
- ✓ **MISC- Park Visitor Center Museum Grand Opening- November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **NOTE TO GROUP:**

***Don't plan events on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month due to conflict with GATC events***