

KMTC Annual Business Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2021

The KMTC meeting was held at the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park's maintenance building – tool bay area and was called to order by KMTC President Don Olds at 9:00AM.

Attendees included:

Officers:

Don Olds, President

Tom Okerberg, Treasurer

Bob Brier, Secretary

Directors:

Bill Gurry, Trail Director

Rena Bailey, Community Volunteers Director

Janie Brier, Trail Ambassador Director

Fred Feltmann, Communications/Newsletter Director

(Danny Leigh, Invasive Plants Director, & Jerry Given, Technology Director were absent)

Additional Board Members -

Laurie Poppell - Archives

Scott Mackay, Fundraising

Additional KMTC Voting Members –

Cindy Witts, Trail Ambassador

Mike Collett, Crew Leader

Other:

Amanda Corman, Park Volunteer Coordinator

President Olds welcomed everyone. President Olds did a brief recap of the year thanking everyone for their volunteering service this past year and updated that the Park hired a new maintenance person named Zoe. President Olds gave a special recognition to Cindy Witts who is leaving the KMTC due to a move to Kansas and thanked her for her volunteer service the past 12 years. President Olds also recognized Bob Brier for all this hard work as Secretary for the Club the past years and Jamie Brier work as Trail Ambassador Director. President Olds then asked the Community Volunteer Director, Trail Director and Treasurer to present their reports.

Rena Bailey, Community Volunteers Director, (Volunteer Report attached) reported that workdays have started and with reestablishment of some of the schools (Hillgrove JRTOC & Wheeler HS) groups are signing up to volunteer on trail workdays. Allatoona HS may not come back. Approximately 117 volunteers have put in 468 volunteer hours on workdays. Due to the park's guidelines that the KTMC can only have a max of 50 volunteers sign up on workdays (which includes crew leaders & trail ambassadors) this will limit the Club to signing up 30 to 40 volunteers per workday.

Treasurer, Tom Okerberg, reviewed the annual Financial Report (copy attached). He highlighted recent donations (particularly those of various Club members), and reported that we remain comfortably with a \$25,607 current balance.

Trail Director, Bill Gurry, gave a brief summary of the past year and the effects of the Covid pandemic this past year. There are few big projects needed and the will meet with the Park to establish future work (Trail Director Report attached). The next workday will be on Saturday, September 25 on the Environmental Trail. Bill Gurry stated he was stepping down as Trail Director and nominated Mike Collett as the new Trail Director.

Amanda Corman, Park Volunteer Coordinator reported the need for volunteers to get hours in before the end of the Park's fiscal year (Sept 30) and how important the volunteers hours help the Park with allocation funds from the National Park to the Park. Amanda discussed the new National Parks guidelines that no more than 50 volunteers can be signed up for any one event at the Park including KMTC workdays and more than 50 volunteers has to be approved by the Park by reaching out to her. There was some discussion of the two clubs- KM Friends Club and the KMTC being totally separate clubs when meeting the 50-volunteer head count for events and should not be a problem. Amanda provided a handout to provided to any volunteer who works on September 25, the National Park Day.

Bob Brier, Secretary, moved that the Adoption of the Amended By-Laws (attached) be approved (this amendment replaces the 2013 MOU reference in the By-Laws to the 2019 Philanthropic Partnership Agreement between the Club and the Park) and a member seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elections: Bob Brier moved that the elections of the 2021-2022 Officers/Directors be approved. All seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously for the 2021-2022 new/current Officer's and Director's as follows:

President - Vacant

Donald Olds – Vice President

Tom Okerberg, Treasurer

Laurie Poppell, Secretary (Bob Brier stepped down)

Mike Collett, Trail Director (Bill Gurry stepped down)

Rena Bailey, Community Volunteers Director

Fred Feltmann, Communications/Newsletter Director

Danny Leigh, Invasive Plants Director

Jerry Given, Technology Director

Trail Ambassador Director – Vacant

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Future Dates:

September 25, 2021 – Trail Work Day (Public Lands Day)

October 25, 2021 – KMTC Board Meeting