

## KMTC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

### September 17, 2022

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The KMTC Annual meeting was held at the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park's Visitor Center - Education Room and was called to order by KMTC Vice-President Don Olds at 9:00 AM.

#### **Attendees included:**

Officers: Don Olds, Vice President; Tom Okerberg, Treasurer; Laurie Poppell, Secretary

Directors: Mike Collett, Trail Director; Rena Bailey, Community Volunteers Director; Fred Feltmann, Communications/Newsletter Director;

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

Ad Hoc Directors: Scott Mackay, Fundraising

KEMO Park: Amanda Corman, Park Ranger & Volunteer Coordinator, Raymond Hamel, KEMO Chief of Interpretation; Daniel Lee, Intern; Avery Stanley, Intern

#### Additional KMTC Voting Members

Gayle McAllister, Tom Taylor, Wendy Turner, Lewis Bramlett, Anne Haney, Jay Haney, Geoffrey Gros Guth, & Bob Brier

#### **Order of Business:**

1. **Welcome:** Vice President Olds did a brief welcome.

2. **Park Status** (Amanda Corman)

Amanda 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 reported on the Park will be participating on the Scarecrow on the Square in Marietta in October and encourage folks to come out support this, more information will be provided. Amanda introduced the Park's new intern, Avery Stanley who helps with volunteer activities at the Park and will be here through the end of the year. The other intern is Daniel Lee, the new KEMO Community Volunteer Ambassador who will be assisting Amanda on volunteer matters over the next year.

3. **Treasurer Report** (Tom Okerberg)

Tom provided an overview of the annual Financial Report (attached Financial Report). Tom highlighted recent donations and reported that we remain comfortably with a \$25,692.00 current balance.

4. **Trails Director Report** (Mike Collett)

Mike gave a brief summary of the past year and will meet with the Park to establish future work in 2023. See attached Trail Director Report.

5. **Community Volunteers Director Report** (Rena Bailey)

Rena reported that 2022 was a much-improved year over the last two years. Rena acknowledged the hard work of the TA's, CL's and Community Volunteers. See attached Community Volunteer Report attached.

6. **Elections** (Laurie Poppell)

The following were nominated and with no floor nominations, Laurie Poppell moved that the elections of the 2022-2023 Officers/Directors be approved. All seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously for the 2022-2023. New/current Officer's and Director's as follows:

President - Donald Olds

Vice President – Raj Gupta

Secretary - Laurie Poppell

Treasurer - Tom Okerberg

Trail Director - Mike Collett

Community Volunteers Director -Rena Bailey

Communications Editor/Newsletters Editor - Fred Feltmann

Invasive Plants Director – Danny Leigh

Information/Technology Director – Jerry Givan

Trail Ambassador Co-Directors – Gayle McAllister and Wendy Turner

Fundraising Director – Scott Mackay

Records Management – Laurie Poppell

7. **President's Report** (Donald Olds)

Don did a brief overview of the past year and the challenges we faced with the pandemic. Don thanked the hard work of all the volunteers and work of the Directors.

8. **FOKM/KMTC Proposed Merger** (Donald Olds)

Don discussed the possibility of proposing the merger the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain (FOKM) and the KMTC. Don laid out the pros (see attached PowerPoint presentation) laying out the benefits for both organizations if merged into one club. Membership would not be a required buy-in or donations and other benefits could be a better experience for volunteers, the Board/committee structure, one Park agreement, and assignment of duties. After presenting, Don opens the floor for discussion. Members addressed their concerns and some addressing the advantages if a merge did happen. Many questions were asked about how this process would happen and when. After much discussions a motion was called - to form a due diligence committee of KMTC members that will consider the consolidation of KMTC with FOKM and if found favorable, present their recommendation with a working plan to the voting members by March 31st of 2023 for final approval. All attending voting members seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Open Discussion** – No further discussions

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM.

**Future Dates:**

October 8, 2022 – Trail Work Day

October 25, 2022 – KMTC Board Meeting

Laurie Poppell  
KMTC Secretary