

# Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** Central Georgia Technical College, Hawkinsville, GA

Mr. Tommy Rogers, President, convened the meeting of the *Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership* (OWTP).

## **Minutes**

Mary Brooks provided the minutes from the November 2019 meeting. Lee Slade made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert Hendrick, all agreed with no opposition. Motion carries.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Robert Hendricks provided copies of the treasurer's report. All counties except for Wilcox have paid their dues. Lee Slade informed the OWTP that he had reached out to Mayor Estes and Mayor Estes requested that Robert resend the OWTP Annual Invoice directly to him and he would make sure we got a check. Charlotte Gillis sent a \$100 donation to the organization. The Cross Roads paddle held in Telfair County earned \$422.95 dollars for the OWTP after expenses. Lee Slade made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. The motion was seconded by Guy Bland, all agreed with no opposition. Motion carries.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Improve Committee**

The Improve Committee, chaired by Jim Rhodes is going to try and determine which landings along our trail are county owned and which are owned by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Mary Brooks will send the Chair contact information previously received from DNR. The Improve Committee anticipates that each Kiosk will cost approximately \$500 to construct.

**OWT Membership**, the committee suggested that a letter be sent to existing Ocmulgee Water Trail (OWT) members where a portion of the letter could be sent back for their membership renewal. Robert Hendricks agreed to send out a letter to those members that have expired.

### **Promote Committee**

The Promote Committee, chaired by Debra Jones indicated that for now, they were going to table the Paddle Wise program until the founder of Paddle Wise, Kit Carson was back with the group.

**Brochures** are being worked on by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC). Additional information has been requested by Michelle Grembowski (Director of Technology Services with the MGRC) and will be provided by Robert Hendricks once he obtains the

information. A meeting will be set up with MGRC to review the information we have and to provide our ideas about what we would like the brochure to look like.

The OWTP website will be worked on by the MGRC once they receive the signed Memorandum of Agreement.

***Paddle Event*** – A committee was formed for the May 2, 2020 paddle and includes: Debra Jones, Lee Slade, Mary Brooks, Peg Jones, Jim Rhodes, and Sherri Wood. Debra and Sherri have indicated that they will work on the event flyer, press release, Eventbrite, sponsorship forms, and applications. It was decided by the group to increase the rate to \$45 per paddler or \$40 per paddler if they are an OWT member. There will be no early registration cost savings this year.

### **Enjoy Committee**

The Enjoy Committee, chaired by Lee Slade discussed having smaller paddle events in individual communities and use the Telfair County Cross Roads paddle as a model for other counties to promote local paddle groups and work with their local Chamber of Commerce. Having local community paddles may lead to a local paddle club, which was one of the ideas of the founders of the OWTP.

#### ***Attendance by County:***

Bibb	Peg Jones
Bleckley	Mary Brooks Jim Rhodes
Houston	Debra Jones
Pulaski	Lee Slade
Telfair	Guy Bland Robert Hendricks Tommy Rogers
Twiggs	Roy Wood Jr. Sherri Wood
Visitors:	Shakeil Hull – Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Tonya Mole - DCA