



# BAYOU BYLINE



July 2020

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 18 Sunrise Triathlon Swim Practice at El Karubah Shrine on Cross Lake. BCOS will provide safety boats.
- 21 Monthly Meeting/Cookout and Paddle - **Red River South Marina**
- 25 Sabine River Sandbar Paddle Trail Float - contact is Dee Jaye Teutsch at [tdeejaye@gmail.com](mailto:tdeejaye@gmail.com)

### August

- 1 Moonlight Paddle on Red River
- 2 River Cities Triathlon at Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area - CANCELLED!!
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

### September

- 4 Moonlight Paddle - Location TBD
- 7 Labor Day
- 15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 26 Hunting and Fishing Day at Bodcau Tom Merrill Recreation Area - contact persons are Roy O'Neal and Dick Maxwell

### October

- 17 Celebration Day at Red River National Wildlife Refuge - contact is Sandy Roerig
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA



Our monthly meetings are held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows. Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.



No speaker this month!  
Just a fun get together  
at Red River South  
Marina!

**BCOS Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2020**

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

Wayne Kiefer called the meeting to order at the Red River Wildlife Refuge boat launch pavilion with 21 in attendance. Guests were recognized. Minutes from the last pre-Covid 19 virus meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Maxwell reported a balance of \$5,112.07.

**Newsletter** – Make sure to read both versions of the recent Dorcheat float.

No publicity report.

**Conservation** – Sandy Roerig reported on the problem of plastic rain. A Journal of Science article reported that a study looking for phosphorous found 1,000 tons of micro plastic particles dropped by rain in national parks during one year. The study found that the micro plastic is distributed globally, including remote locations.

**Conservation activities** – The planned trail maintenance at the OWL Center was cancelled because of Covid 19. Tammy Jernigan reported that Keep Bossier Beautiful has some cleanup projects coming up that we may want to participate in. The Highway 157 takeout is getting a little trashy. We will do another cleanup there soon.

**Old Business**

We were not able to get the Lake Bistineau signs out because the park has been closed and the water is down to remedy the salvinia problem.

The Dorcheat Bayou signs will have to wait until the water level goes up.

Serena Gray with the Webster Parish Tourist Bureau sent an email thanking BCOS for the Dorcheat float. People are asking for more floats.

Henry Ann Burton thanked everyone for not coming to the planned crawfish boil. She's looking forward to hosting it next year.

**Past Outings**

Dorcheat Bayou – Moonlight float with 47 people. We roasted hot dogs on a sand bar. It was hot. After a fire stick show we noticed lightning coming. It started to rain. We got off the water just in time. Trees were down on the highway. There were more guests than BCOS members on the float.

Becky and Sara had a group hike nearly every week.

**Upcoming Events**

Ouachita Haven is this upcoming weekend. There will be paddling depending on the water level.

Sabine River – July 18. The water level needs to come down. The float will be a hot 7 miles. It will take about 5 hours. More information will come out on email.

Bodcau moonlight float July 3. We may camp with this one.

BCOS Triathlon – Bike, walk, paddle at Bodcau. This is a possible future event.

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## **Ozark Society Board**

### **Zoom Meeting**

By: Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society Board meeting was held July 11, 2020 via on-line Zoom technology due to restrictions prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Twenty five Ozark Society and Ozark Society Foundation members were present. Dick Maxwell and Sandy Roerig from the Bayou Chapter participated.

The meeting was opened at 9:06 am by President David Peterson. Minutes of the January meeting and April virtual meeting by Secretary Sandy Roerig were approved. The Treasurer's report by Treasurer Kay Ewert was also approved.

### **Old Business**

David introduced Mason Jewell who is being nominated to serve on the Ozark Society Foundation Board. Addition of Mason will make a total of five members on the Board out of a recommended seven.

David reported that the current moratorium on CAFOs on the Buffalo River watershed was recently not extended by the Arkansas legislature. However many members believe that the Governor wishes to extend the moratorium and that it will likely stay in place, at least for a while. David also noted that the C&H hog farm is not actually closed yet. Waste has been hauled off, lagoons were filled and grass was planted, but the OS has not yet received a final report from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Janet Nye, President of the Pulaski Chapter, announced that the fall general membership meeting will be a one day meeting held on October 3, 2020. She has reserved space at Lake Nixon Outdoor Center near Little Rock. This private venue is a wooded area with a lake and has a building that can be used for a meeting. She will provide more details later about a program and food arrangements.

At David's suggestion, the OSF has prepared a proposal to initiate an endowment fund to support projects of the OSF. Rex Robbins, from the OSF, presented a Legacy Fund proposal for approval by the OS Board. A long discussion followed. There was general agreement that establishment of the Legacy Fund is a good idea, and there was considerable discussion as to how the funds would be managed. Rex had suggested the Arkansas Community Foundation as a fund manager, but the final decision on this would be made by the OSF. Marvin Schwartz, President of the OSF Board, made a motion for permission of the OSF to explore the creation of a Legacy Fund, to identify alternative options for managing the funds and to create an outreach plan for the public.. Carolyn Shearman seconded the motion.. Rex said that he would rework the original proposal and resubmit it. A vote was taken. Ten votes in favor. One vote opposed. Motion passed. David will work more on this project and Rex will accept other suggestions. David asked the members to send questions/concerns to Rex.

Brian Thompson, Arkansas State Director, described the Facebook page for OS as a whole and encouraged individual chapters to post on it. He stated that the page has about 4,000 followers. This page is a great vehicle to get public help. Mason asked about OS presence on other social media – he volunteered to help with this effort. Brian welcomed this help. Marvin recommended that all information be folded under an overall communication group.

### **Chair Reports**

Carolyn, Communications/Membership Chair, stated that the new software is easier for chapters to use and is especially important for upcoming events this fall. She encouraged everyone to use it. She also discussed the list of members who receive Pack and Paddle by mail – there are fewer than 300 of these now. She said that print costs continue to increase so overall costs have not changed, even though there are fewer members receiving paper copies. These copies cost about \$1,000 per quarter. Membership in all Chapters, except for Mississippi Valley, is healthy, with the newly revived Schoolcraft Chapter at 70 members.

Chris Kline, Outreach Chair, described a recent Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Highlands Chapter that was held on line and got a lot of hits. There were two winners in this contest. The annual Seechi Day event was cancelled on site, but efforts are being made to provide on-line activities.

Alice Andrews, Conservation Chair, mentioned a report that a Federal judge has stopped the operation of the Dakota access pipeline and ordered the pipes to be drained. She also discussed an article on "I'll Stand for the River" that argued against unchecked exploitation of the environment. Marvin mentioned that he had read a similar article and encouraged everyone to share similar articles with others.

Fred Paillet, Education Chair, stated that he is providing an article for every issue of the Pack and Paddle. He also mentioned a Zoom meeting on July 19 for Master Naturalists.

Marvin, President of the OSF Board, stated that the OSF has been busy with several projects. (1) Rex and others are developing the plan for the Legacy Fund, (2) the Tree Field Guide book is on track for publication. Ken Leonard, OSF Board member, stated that the book is moving to the design stage, before going to the printer. The two primary authors will edit the final version. The OSF will look at other printer/distributors in addition to the University of Arkansas Press that had published OSF books in the past. The design process should be finished by the end of the third quarter and copies may be available by Christmas. (3) A youth environmental program will launch by August 1 which will provide grants to educators. (4) A literary award for excellence in environmental writing is being established. It will be named the Ken Smith Award in Environmental Writing and entries must have some relationship with Arkansas.

Stewart Noland, Archives Chair, discussed the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ozark Society and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buffalo National River formation in 2022. His late brother, Steve Noland, had accumulated lots of video footage of interviews of those involved in the original battle of the Buffalo River. A committee has discussed making a documentary and has developed a concept paper on this topic which was distributed to the OS Board members. Two proposals had been distributed to OS Board members from companies who would be able to produce a documentary. Both groups are highly qualified to do the work. Stewart is seeking approval from the OS Board to accept the proposal of the West Group. He is also requesting that OS and OSF make initial contributions to fund this effort. He suggested \$15,000 from each group over a 2 year period. There was considerable discussion, regarding the content of the documentary, the qualifications /experience of the West Group, interest in and potential market for copies of the documentary and funding. Stewart made a motion to accept the proposal of the West Group to make the documentary. Lowell Collins, President of the Sugar Creek Chapter, seconded the motion. A vote was taken. There were 13 yes votes and 2 no votes. Motion passed.

Stewart then made a motion that the OS provide \$7,500 per year for the next two years to fund the documentary project. Laura Timby, President of the Buffalo River Chapter, seconded the motion. After additional discussion, a vote was taken. There were 12 yes votes and 2 no votes. Motion passed. It is anticipated that the OSF will match this donation to the project.

All previously planned OS outings have been cancelled due to restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **New Business**

Vice President Luke Parsch stated that biennial elections for OS Board members will be held at the October 3 membership meeting. All Board members are up for reelection. The Nominating Committee of Luke, Lowell and Alice will present a slate of nominations at this meeting for approval by the general membership. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Board may contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

David recognized Loring Bullard for his efforts in successfully reviving the Schoolcraft Chapter. Loring, the Schoolcraft Chapter President, described some activities of the Chapter. He has surveyed members for ideas on outings and meeting and he has organized work groups.

Luke discussed the ninth annual Neil Compton Day at Compton Gardens on August 15. This year's event will be very small, with only a small number of people invited to attend. A section of the gardens will be dedicated to Neil's daughter, Ellen, who recently passed away.

Luke also noted that there are currently 15 Neil Compton Award recipients and they have not been permanently recognized in any way. He suggested making a plaque to list these awardees that can be updated. He has submitted a design for such a plaque that has space for 36 awardees. Donations will be accepted to fund this plaque.

### **Chapter Reports**

Dick Maxwell, Louisiana State Director, reported on the Bayou Chapter Activities. He described recent floats that were well attended and an outdoor membership meeting. He praised Wayne Kiefer, President, and Tammy Jernigan, Vice President, for their leadership.

Laura Timby stated that small groups of members of the Buffalo River Chapter have enjoyed a few outings. She also said that two former members have moved back to the area.

Tom Perry, Highlands Chapter President, said that there have been few activities except for some trail maintenance on the Highlands Trail.

Alan Nye, reporting for Janet Nye, reported that a meeting for the Pulaski Chapter is planned for August 4. The Chapter will also have a non-potluck dinner (EYOF) in September when they will meet outdoors.

Lowell reported that the Sugar Creek Chapter has been very quiet during this period.

David adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.

### **Sabine River Run - June 27, 2020**

By: Dee Jaye Teutsch

We had 11 paddlers that came to paddle on the river that day. Members were Tammy Jernigan, Roy O'Neal, Dick Maxwell, Kim Cox, myself with granddaughters Abby & Daisy Jones and my Puppy Zeke. We had 4 guests — Sarah Robinson, Robbie & Lydell Valentine, and a friend of theirs.

The River was at about 9 feet on this paddle. We had plenty of current and the paddle went quite quickly for 7 miles. We got on the water by 9:45 am and off by 1:45 pm and we even played quite a bit at both the falls and the butt bumping rocks. The waterfall was a lot smaller than normal because of the river gauge being up. So, no one swam going over the falls this year. We took lunch at the butt bumping rocks for an hour and most everyone enjoyed a good swim and playing in the river current and my pup Zeke got a chance to play and swim in the current.

We are planning another section of the river on July 25<sup>th</sup> and we will hopefully be doing the 11- or 15-miles paddle. This will be determined by the river gauge as we get closer. Hope to see you all then. If we do the 11 miles, we will put in just south of DeBerry Tx on Hwy 79 south and take out at Hwy. 2517 West of Deadwood Tx. If we have plenty of water flow, we will do the Official Texas Sandbar Trail. The put in at Hwy 2517 and Takeout at Hwy. 438.

You can find more information on the Sabine Sandbar Paddling Trail at this web address.

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/inland/sabine\\_sandbar/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/inland/sabine_sandbar/)



## Sabine River Run

June 27, 2020



## Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



**Ouachita Haven Paddle** - June 20th, a small group paddled the Ouachita River near the Ouachita River Haven resort. The paddle was 7 miles and the river level was around 2.2 on their scale. Weather was very nice. The majority of the trip was under heavy overcast skies. We stopped several times for a swim, food and a chill rest. Seven of us, 3 guests and 4 members enjoyed the perfect temps and cloudy skies. The rain however did catch up to us. The last 45 minutes was in anything from a sprinkle to a downpour but no one complained. The 3 guests were awesome and just enjoyed the river. Afterwards we went to the drop off up stream to find not a drop of rain had fallen there even though by this time we had 2 hours of rain at the takeout. Only a few miles away as the crow flies! The cabins were very nice with almost no mosquitoes to deal with. Thanks to everyone's for their great cooperation in making this an easy trip for the organizer - me!! Debbie Preston and her daughter Hailey came along with Sandy Roerigs' friend Richard who all did super on their first paddle trip.



### Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

If you have any **equipment** you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or [royoneal2@gmail.com](mailto:royoneal2@gmail.com) or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

Reminder - BCOS members meet from 11:30 to 1:00 on Tuesdays at Pierre Bossier Mall Food Court. This is suspended now but will resume when the all clear is given. Everyone is invited to come eat lunch or just have a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company. No need to let anyone know you're coming, show up!

## **Bodcau Paddle - July 3, 2020**

By: Tammy Jernigan

It looked like it was going to be a dark and stormy night, but as our 7:00 pm paddle time neared the skies cleared. With rain-cooled air and a full moon a-rising, we decided to go forth with our moonlight paddle thinking we would have a dozen or so people show up.

Wayne arrived early at 5:30 pm and not long after the first paddlers started showing up and they didn't stop until after 7:00 pm. As they continued to come down the campground hill toward the boat launch, Wayne took the early arrivers out toward the big Cypress trees near the dam while Tammy waited and herded the rest into the water.

As Wayne's group and Tammy's group met in the open area just through the trees from the boat launch a little after 7:00 pm, 40 people and 35 boats started snaking their way through the Cypress forest along Bodcau Bayou. We spoke about aging trees, Cypress knees and duck weed. We went in groups to look at the Zack Durden tree and then wound our way back to the boat ramp. The bayou is so well marked that many did not need a guide to get them through the bayou - even at dusk.

We finished up just after 9:00 pm as the moon was rising. If the comments were any indication, a fun time was had by all. Appreciative boat borrowers left nice donations and several expressed interest in joining our club.



## July “Special” Days

July 2 - Catherine Tolson's birthday

July 4 - Independence Day

July 6 - Bill Robertson's birthday

July 8 - Jenny Hackman's birthday  
Karen Pitts' birthday

July 13 - Ken Harris's birthday  
Susan Ramares's birthday  
Becky Evans' birthday

July 17 - Mishell & martin Cash's 15th Wedding Anniversary

July 18 - Dee Hanson's birthday

July 21 - Marsha & Jack Land's Wedding Anniversary

July 22 - David Jernigan's birthday  
Sara Meeks' birthday  
Larry Moore's birthday

July 25 - Roy O'Neal's birthday

July 29 - Tom Thompson's birthday



As usual, please advise on any “Special Days” we may have missed.

### **(Minutes from June 16 meeting - continued from page 2)**

Moonlight float on the Red River July 31.

Sunrise Triathlon at the El Karuba Shrine on Cross Lake July 19.

BCOS meeting at Red River Marina on July 21. This will be an informal meeting to eat hot dogs. We may paddle on the river beforehand. There will be a tip jar to pay \$50 to the marina for the pavilion.

### **New Business**

Roy O'Neal suggested that we give a gift to Tom Perry for helping us out with his boat during our floats. After a discussion Barbie Halbert moved and Henry Ann Burton seconded that BCOS spend up to \$40 for a gift and give a one-year membership for his help. The motion passed.

Guest Justin explained to the group about Team RWB.

Guest David Bradley from the Shreveport-Bossier Tourist Bureau addressed the group.

Meeting was adjourned to Johnny's.

## BCOS Calendar of Events

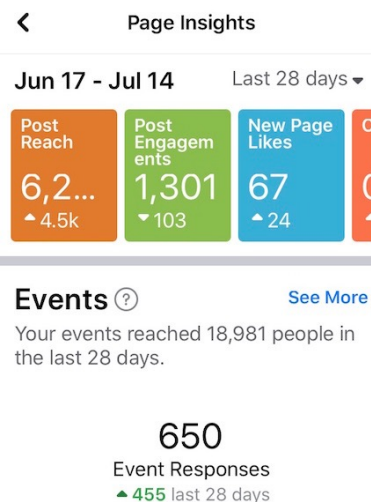
Summer/Fall 2020 paddles, hikes, camps and other events. Social distancing is expected to be maintained by all attendees.

Date	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
July 3 7:00pm	Moonlight Paddle	Bodcau boat ramp above the dam	Tammy	9:13pm moonrise 100%
July 11 7:30am	Caddo Refuge Bike and Picnic	Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Marian	Meet @ North Market Brookshires 7am
July 18	Sunrise Swim Practice	El Karubah Shrine on Cross Lake	Louis	Safety Boats
<b>July 21 Tuesday</b>	<b>BCOS Meeting Cookout &amp; Paddle</b>	<b>Red River South Marina</b>	<b>Wayne Paddle 5pm Meeting 6:30pm</b>	<b>Pot Luck – Tip Jar for Pavilion Rental</b>
July 25	Sabine Sandbar Paddle Trail	Carthage TX	Dee Jaye	Meet @ Pines Rd McDonalds
July 31 Friday	Moonlight paddle & bonfire	Red River – Sciport	Wayne & Tammy	6:09 pm Moonrise 95%
August 2 Sunday 7am	River Cities Triathlon	Cypress-Black Bayou-Red Area		Canceled
August 15	Caddo Lake Paddle	Shady Glade, Uncertain, TX	Stephanie	
<b>August 18 Tuesday</b>	<b>BCOS Meeting</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
September 12	Introductory Paddle	TBD	Sarah	For Rookies
<b>Sept 15 Tuesday</b>	<b>BCOS Meeting</b>			
Sept 26	Hunting & Fishing Day	Bodcau – Tom Merrill Rec Area	Roy & Dick	Instruction and Safety Boats
October 3	Webster Tourism Paddle	TBD	Serena	
October 10	River Rat Race	Ouachita River		
Oct 17	Celebration Day	Red River NWR on ART Parkway	Sandy Roerig	Instruction and Safety Boats
<b>Oct 20 Tuesday</b>	<b>BCOS Meeting</b>			
Oct 31				Halloween
<b>November 17 Tuesday</b>	<b>BCOS Meeting</b>			
<b>December</b>	<b>BCOS Christmas party</b>			

### Message from Tammy Jernigan:

We have reached 6200 people on Facebook in the past month and have received 650 Going or Interested event responses.

With 40-50 people attending our past two moonlight paddles, Facebook is definitely driving our exposure to the public. This is without any cost to BCOS.



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## The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



**Join us, or renew now!** Dues are for one year, January-December, and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at [www.ozarksociety.net](http://www.ozarksociety.net). Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check one:**

- ☐ New Member      Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership
- ☐ Renewal            Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership
- ☐ LIFE Member      Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership

**Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:**

**Level: (choose one)**

- ☐ Friend:      \$30      = \$20 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Associate:    \$50      = \$40 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Supporter:   \$100     = \$90 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Sponsor:     \$250     = \$240 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Patron:       \$500     = \$490 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter

**Chapter: (choose one)**

- ☐ Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- ☐ Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- ☐ Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- ☐ Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- ☐ Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- ☐ Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- ☐ No chapter, all to central Ozark Society

**Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only**

(Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each chapter)

- ☐ \$10 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- ☐ \$10 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- ☐ \$10 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- ☐ \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)

**Section C: Donations to our Funds**

(Choose any amount)

- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Conservation Fund
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Legal Fund
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Compton Scholarship Fund
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Hedges Scholarship Fund
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ OS Foundation

**My Total is: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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