



BAYOU BYLINE



September 2024

Calendar of Events

September

- 14 Monroe Water Sweep Day in Monroe, La - contact Melissa at melissa_axb@yahoo.com
- 17 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Tammy will present the program and it'll be entertaining!!
- 21 Sabine River Paddle at Tiger Fang Falls - contact Dee Jaye at tdeejaye@gmail.com - TENTATIVE
- 22 Cypress Bayou Paddle in Jefferson, Tx - contact is Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com - CANCELLED
- 28 Louisiana Hunting and Fishing Day at Bayou Bodcau - contact is Tammy Jernigan at Tjerni88@hotmail.com

October

- 12 River Rat Paddle Challenge on the Ouachita River in Monroe - contact Tammy at Tjerni88@hotmail.com
- 15 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm
- 19 Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration - contact Sandy at sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu
- 26 Haunted Hike at Lake D'Arbonne State Park - contact Kim at kcox@bpcc.edu

November

- 8-10 Ozark Society Fall Membership Meeting at Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Arkansas - Details TBA
- 16 Camp and Hike at White Oak Lake State Park - Details TBA

December

- 8 Annual BCOS Christmas Party at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge - Details 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 food and socializing.



Tammy Jernigan will present a program on "Sixteen Days and 3500 miles in 9 states in a Mazda CX-50" when you're used to traveling in a camper!

BCOS Meeting Minutes 8/20/2024

By: Secretary Jenny Hackman

Meeting was called to order by Grace Eyler

Leslie Greene and Mike presented a program on River Bandit Wildlife Rescue. They take in 4 legged furry mammals that have been orphaned or injured for rehab and then release them into the wild



Business Meeting:

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter 1st Kim C and 2nd Sandy R – Approved

Treasurer Report: Cindy Brix

Checking: \$7944.27 was the starting and ending balance – No transactions

Savings: \$5 - 135 paid members

Old Business:

Need another LA representative on the Ozark Society Board. Karen Pitts is a rep and a 2nd one is needed. The individual needs to be nominated and voted on at the next meeting so that the person can vote on the officers for the Ozark Society at the November All Society Meeting

Historical Marker: Grace Eyler is the contact person for the marker that is to be placed on the Athens Big Fork Trail. The money has been collected and the location has not been finalized yet. Stephanie P is helping to coordinate with the person that is selecting the location

Conservation:

Sandy R presented information on the National Fish Hatchery program. There is a hatchery located in Natchitoches. The program was started in 1871 and the 1st hatchery was located in northern CA and was later closed in 1937. In 1997 a new hatchery was located in CA. The hatchery in Natchitoches was established in 1931. There are free tours that are given daily and the hatchery is open from 8 to 3.

New Business:

River Cities Triathlon – there were 16 boats from BCOS at the event. More boats could be used. There was difficulty with communication between the boaters and the Sheriff deputies in the motor boats which have the lifeguards. Tammy J is working on a suggestion on the location of boaters for next year. Grace E spoke with Kyle D regarding the issues that occurred with communication between the individuals in the kayaks and the deputies when swimmers were having difficulties and needed to be assisted to the shore. Kyle D stated that there would be an internal meeting and he would bring up the issue of swimmer safety

Upcoming Events:

Aug 24 Tubing on the Caddo River, contact Dee Jaye T

Aug 31 Castle Paddle, contact Tammy J

Sept 14 Water clean up in the Monroe area, Contact Melissa. The plan it to clean up on the bank or in the water, have lunch, paddle and then go to Landry Vineyards for a concert

Sept 21 Sabine River float with Tiger Fang Falls, contact Dee Jaye T

Sept 22 Jefferson float, contact Tammy J

Sept 28 National Wildlife and Fisheries Festival at Bodcau from 9 – 2. Most people who are wanting to try out kayaks show up around noon to 2 so more help is needed at this time.

LA Wildlife Affiliation: Gary H is the BCOS delegate and he attended the meeting on Aug 17 in Lafayette

Door prizes were handed out and then the meeting was adjourned.

Moonlight Paddle - August 16, 2024

By: Mark Robinson

The moonlight paddle on Friday August 16th was attended by ten paddlers. It was a bit warm as we set off but cooled enough for everyone to enjoy themselves. We paddled about two and a half miles down Dorcheat Bayou to where we found a sandbar with an exposed sunken boat. We stopped to grill some hot dogs, rest and enjoy each others company. We had music and plenty of snacks. The trip back to the launch was under a bright moon as we paddled our kayaks. The trip took four hours to complete. Thanks to all who participated.



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Henry Ann Burton - September 10th

Chemin-A-Haut Paddle

By: Tammy Jernigan

Here Comes the Rain was the theme song for the paddle on August 31st. The annual Paddling Morehouse Parish Castle Tree paddle drew in a smaller crowd than usual due to the forecasted rainy weather. We had about 50 paddlers with six from BCOS. There were several folks that traveled in from New Orleans including Mark's daughter Haley who had a fine time.

The below average temperatures did make for a fine day and when the rain came in it was not all that unpleasant until the very end when it became a bit more relentless. The water level was low and we had a decent current to paddle against on Bayou Bartholomew before we reached the gentle water in Chemin A Haut Bayou. With the low water level, the Castle Tree and the other surrounding big trees were all in their glory with their big skirts and gaping hollows. It's always an awe-inspiring experience to be in these giants' presence.



Ozark Society Board Meeting - Summer 2024

By Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society Summer Board meeting was held July 10, 2024 via on-line Zoom. Fifteen Ozark Society members and guests participated. Karen Pitts, Grace Eyler and Sandy Roerig from the Bayou Chapter participated.

President Brian Thompson opened the Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the Spring Board meeting were accepted unanimously.

Brian reviewed the financial report that had been prepared by Treasurer Kay Ewart. Book sales exceeded \$5,000 for the past quarter. After a short discussion the report was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Update on membership coordinator replacement and investigation: Brian announced that Carolyn Shearman would like to discontinue her role in tracking Ozark Society memberships. She will continue to publish the Pack & Paddle newsletter. Brian, Carolyn and Roslyn have been evaluating some software programs for tracking memberships, but no decisions have yet been made. A volunteer is needed to oversee the membership tracking processes.

Book sales update: Brian reported that 22 books have been sold so far through Amazon, the recently approved distributor.

Board Reports

Membership: Chair Carolyn reviewed the membership reports that had been distributed to the Board members. She reminded the group that if she has not received membership dues from a member by June of that calendar year, she deletes that member from the active roll and notifies the Chapter of that member. There are currently 576 active regular members, 112 active life members, approximately 150 inactive life members – a total of 927 members. Carolyn noted that the Chapters are doing a good job of maintaining their members.

Conservation: Co-Chair Alice Andrews reported on a lawsuit that was filed against Danali for their waste dumping practices in Missouri. She also reported that Ryan Benefield from the Natural resources Commission just resigned his position there and is now in charge of wastewater plants.

Alice also provided an update on the Arkansas Water plan. Phase I is a data gathering phase. Phase III will require public input.

Co-Chair Tom McClure discussed the addition of 2,200 acres to the Flatside Wilderness area. This plan has been passed by the legislative committee, Governor Saunders has endorsed the bill and diverse groups are now supporting it. The bill may be attached to the legislative Farm Bill or sent forward on its own, or paired with other wilderness bills for presentation to the legislature. Rep. French Hill has been a champion on this effort.

Education: Chair Fred Paillet discussed his latest article in the Pack & Paddle about owls in the Pacific Northwest. He is assembling a list of recently published books of interest to the Ozark Society members, in time for the Christmas holidays.

Community Engagement: Chair Lowell Collins reported that an updated pamphlet on the Ozark Society will be ordered soon. She asked for volunteers to help with the Dark Sky Festival in September at Tyler Bend.

Lowell also thanked the Board for supporting the Youth Grants Program for another year. The Committee met in June to discuss long-term funding, marketing and fund raising. She encouraged more members to participate in this program. She is working to develop handouts and power point presentations to promote the program. She also announced that an anonymous donor has pledged \$10,000 for next year's grants.

Lowell stated that a member of the Bayou Chapter is needed to serve on the Committee to evaluate the grant applications.

Archives: Chair Stewart Noland stated that Tom McClure did a good job of the interviews for the Buffalo River/ Ozark Society history that will be housed in the Pryor Center.

Climate Change: There was no report from this committee. Chair Jennifer Ailor is resigning as the Missouri State Director.

New Business

Logo association: Brian reviewed a draft document of a policy that had been distributed to Board members. This policy would honor a company, business or non-profit by displaying their logo on Ozark Society publications or online. Such a policy will be needed as marketing and fund raising continue for the Youth Grants. After some discussion, the draft policy was unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: Brian stated that a Nominating Committee is needed to draft a slate of Board members to be presented to the General Membership for approval at the upcoming Fall General Membership meeting. Tim Mason will be the Committee Chair. Alice volunteered to help out. Both Perry Hill and Jennifer Ailor have resigned as State Directors so will need to be replaced.

Fall meeting date and location: Tom Perry announced that the Fall Membership and Board meetings will be held November 8-10 at Queen Wilhelmina State Park in AR. Hikes and other activities are planned.

Chapter Reports

Bayou Chapter: Chair Grace Eyler described camping and paddling at Sylamor Creek, and a paddle on the Buffalo River led by Stewart Noland. Chapter members also provided safety boats at two triathlons. Regular meetings are held monthly.

Highlands Chapter: Chair Tom Perry described several picnics, including the Ozark Classic that involved hiking and eating. The summer picnic at Beaver Lake had good attendance.

Pulaski Chapter: Chair Mary Beth McDonald described good program speakers at monthly meetings. The Chapter hosted a booth at the Children's Library.

Schoolcraft Chapter: There was no one present to give a report.

Sugar Creek Chapter: Chair Lowell Collins discussed storm damage at Neil Compton's house. State champion trees are dying, most were blown down by the storm. Crystal Bridges was also damaged and Chapter members from Sugar Creek and Highlands helped with the clean-up. There will be a campaign to raise money to plant new trees.

Buffalo River Chapter: Chair Kris McMillan submitted a report that Brian read to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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November 19	Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm
November 29	Post-Thanksgiving Paddle at Grand Ecore - contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com
December 7	Orienteering at Caney Lakes in Minden - contact Jenny and Gary at jandgman@bellsouth.net
December 8	Bayou Chapter Annual Christmas Party at RRNWR - Details TBA
December 14	Camp and Hike at Chicot State Park - contact Jenny and Gary at jandgman@bellsouth.net
January 1	First Day Hike at Tom Merrill recreation Area - contact Kim at kcox@bpcc.edu



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 and click "MEMBERSHIP."

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: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed) _____

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed) _____

Please check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | Start at Section A for your OS and Chapter Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | Start at Section A to renew your OS and Chapter Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend: | \$30 | = \$20 OS + \$10 Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate: | \$50 | = \$40 OS + \$10 Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter: | \$100 | = \$90 OS + \$10 Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor: | \$250 | = \$240 OS + \$10 Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron: | \$500 | = \$490 OS + \$10 Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor: | \$1000+ | = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter |

Chapter: *(choose one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bayou (Shreveport, LA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo River (North Central, AR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands (Fayetteville, AR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pulaski (Central, AR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | Endowment Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | Legal Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | Youth Grant Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | Compton Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | Hedges Scholarship |

My Total is: \$ _____

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203.

You will receive a Thank You email from the Ozark Society. Please contact oscomms@ozarksociety.net for questions.