

**Mountain High Hikers
General Meeting
Meeks Park
June 9, 2014**

Board Members: **President** Mike O'Brien, **Vice President** Tom Shope, **Treasurer** Doug Yarns, **Secretary** BJ Foster, **Webmaster/Trail Maintenance** Richard Sullivan, **Publicity** Pam Sullivan, **Conservation** Judie Kean, **Social Director** Candy Retter, **Hike Planner** David Werkheiser, **Membership** Frank Maloney

Old Business:

- **IRS 501 3(c) Filing Update by President, Michael O'Brien**
From the June 2014 date the IRS told Mike to add 90 days before there may be an answer. Michael will follow up in September.
- **On-line membership payment:**
Richard Sullivan and Frank Malony have set up an on-line membership payment.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Doug Yarns gave treasurers report – Overall total \$913.80
- **Social:** Candy Retter thanked everyone for coming. The Oct 6th meeting would be at Tom Shopes's pavilion on Oct. 6th and would also begin at 12:00 PM. Candy also announced that she would contact the hotel for Wildlife Wilderness Week.
- **Membership:** Frank Maloney stated that we are now up to 190 members. He also mentioned that members could pay their dues on the MHH web page with a credit card and make Paypal contributions.
- **Hike Planner:** Dave Werkheiser told the membership that he was still in need of summer hike leaders. Please call if willing to be a leader. Leisure hike leaders are enjoy leading the leisure hikes. President Michael thanked all of the hike leaders.
- **Secretary:** BJ Foster stated that all is going well.
- **Conservation:** Judie Kean explained rare plant monitoring on AT has been on going and stated that she would mention this project at the quarterly meeting to ascertain interest. Judie handed out information regarding bats – need to protect bats for ecological reasons.

- Laurel Creek update: **Judie** has been in touch with Stevenson Moffat from the Nantahala National Forest. They have met with land owners and will be having another meeting. Stevenson believes they are going to have access.
- **Webmaster/ Maintenance:** Richard Sullivan added an Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability statement on website. Richard also explained that maintenance has been canceled due

to poor weather conditions.

Then Richard gave out maintenance awards to the following:

Jerry Carnes, Gary Carter, Steve Dennison, Jay Noe and Jim Upchurch.

- **Brochures:** Michael O'Brien discussed new brochures for marketing our club.
- **South-Eastern Foot Trails:** George Owen discussed this special event. Event dates are September 18-21, 2014.
It is the first time that this has ever been in a town. Blairsville, Georgia has been selected. There will be many workshops and hikes and special presentations. Hikes and presentations will be coordinated so that both can be attended.
- **Harold Dyer** made a presentation on "Harold's Tree"
- **Dayton Miller** (Georgia Appalachian Trail Coalition) thanked the MHH members that helped with guiding 534 middle school students on the Appalachian Trail in the late spring.

Meeting Adjourned - 1:10 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
BJ Foster
Secretary**