

Mountain High Hikers---General Meeting March 8, 2019

Place and time of general meeting: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Young Harris, GA Pot Luck Supper 6:00 PM

The general meeting was called to order by **President Evelin Yarns** at 6:34PM.

Committee Reports:

• **Trail Maintenance: Bronco Burnsworth** reported that due to the government shutdown and weather maintenance is somewhat behind what was expected at this time. The crew is currently working at DeSota Falls rebuilding an observation deck. They have received help from the Army Rangers and will continue work, weather permitting, on Monday, 3/11/19. Work will also begin on the Brasstown and Arkequah trails which have been significantly damaged by weather.

• **Membership: Margie Hornsby** shared there are currently 181 active dues paying members. Approximately 50 former members have not paid and will be contacted. Also, there are an abundance of MHH coozies available. Please see Margie if you would like one or more.

• **Hike Planning:** Spring hikes have been covered as reported by **Cindy Sullivan**.

• **Conservation: Kim Blankenship** reported there will be a speaker at the June meeting from Georgia Forest Watch.

• **Communications: Laurie Colombo** reminded everyone to be thinking about the May 4, 2019 "Murphy in May" festival. She will need some help putting up our tent and manning the information table.

• **Treasurer:** Current balance in the MHH account is \$10,901.90 per **Sandy Jersey**.

• **Past President: Richard Sullivan** had no report.

• **Social: Tim Holby** thanked everyone for contributing to the pot luck dinner. A drawing for door prizes will be done at the conclusion of the meeting. Our June meeting is expected to be at Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business:

• George Owen reminded everyone of Wilderness Wildlife Week which will be May 7-11, 2019. Typically MHH has the largest single contingency attending. This year Ron Tipton, past president of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy will be speaking at 3:00 on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 followed by a presentation by our own George Owen. There is no charge for any of the WWW activities.

• Irene Reiner thanked the membership for their financial support of the Make-A-Wish hike of 17 miles which will be done by Irene and her team.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____

Sue Astley, Secretary

Evelin Yarns, President

