

## FORC Board Meeting

March 1, 2021

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G                      President, Trail Steward Scott County Park (SCP)

Zachary                  Vice President

Drew                      Web Director, Trail Steward Illiniwek & Dorrance

Mandy                  Race Director

Dave B                  Secretary

Also present was Brad M, Assistant Trail Steward for SCP

Aaron opened the meeting by resigning as SCP Trail Steward and recommending that post be assigned to Brad. The Board unanimously approved and Brad accepted that position.

No Treasurer's report could be given as the Treasurer was not in attendance.

Aaron opened a discussion on upcoming trail projects:

Drew and Brad both need lumber for projects on their respective trails. Aaron indicated he can get cutoffs from a mill, white oak and ash. Drew asked, if possible, up to 16 foot lengths.

Brad discussed the plans for a new trail loop on the west side of SCP, with at least one trailhead near the pool parking area. Aaron pointed out SCP Rangers do not want a trail connecting two parking lots, and FORC could get more support for the proposed trail by creating it as a family friendly trail. Area 51 rebuild is in progress with the route planned out and partial clearing complete. SoCoPa, Jumbo and Canon loops will all receive minor re-routes; the re-route on Canon will require the most work and Brad will plan a Trail Day to get more volunteers. Brad has arranged with a local Girl Scout troop to build a pair of horse guards to keep horses off the MTB only trails where riders have brought horses in the past. Brad brought up a suggestion to purchase a used snowmobile with a "drag" to groom winter trails. The Board took no action on that suggestion. Brad noted SCP should be closed based on trail conditions and the weather, until such time as the trails dry out sufficiently for use. Aaron brought up closing all trails in the FORC system.

Mandy discussed the Sylvan Island Stampede (SIS) which is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. She is waiting on the final approval from Moline to conduct the race. The Board decided registration will be pre-registration only, similar to the Fondo, with a cutoff of 5:00 PM on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. As before the starts will be staggered based on category, and as always the amount of trail available to ride depends on the river level. Mandy also noted she is waiting on final approval from Davenport to hold the Sunderbruch race (scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Mandy asked whether FORC should sell SIS shirts, and Drew brought up the idea of selling mudguards. The Board decided to proceed with researching the cost of shirts, which will be sold in conjunction with on-line registration for the race. After a date TBD, the option will buy a shirt will be removed, to ensure

all ordered shirts are available to the riders on race day. Mandy plans on going live with pre-registration on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mandy stated Rudy's Tacos will provide food for SIS, but are not available May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as Cinco de Mayo is too close to that date. She is searching for a vendor for the Sunderbruch race; please forward suggestions to her.

The Board briefly discussed River Action's plan for a marathon ride on September 12<sup>th</sup>, which would include Illiniwek and Dorrance parks. That group has a meeting on Thursday during which this proposed race will be discussed.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Healthy Habits will be holding an e-bike demo day at Illiniwek. FORC will look at reserving the shelter and holding our swap meet at the park on the same date.

Lastly for the Board meeting, Zachary brought up Shepherd Mountain bike park in Ironton, MO. These are machine built downhill trails with shuttle service to the top. This park is scheduled to open in the Spring of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.