

FORC Board Meeting

August 30th, 2021

The following Board members were present:

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| Aaron G | President |
| Zachary B | Vice President |
| Mandy G | Race Director |
| Dave B | Secretary |
| Drew H | Web Director, Trail Steward Illiniwek & Dorrance |
| Glen S | Treasurer |

Also present was Shannon G, Brad M (Trail Steward for SCP), Dave D (Trail Steward for Westbrook) and Dan H (Trail Steward for Dog Park).

Aaron opened and asked Glen for a Treasurer's report. Glen was unable to provide details as he has been locked out of the account due to an error during a security upgrade. Glen was able to report the Club has about \$350 more than the July report (\$43,099) because of donations and dues coming in.

Aaron asked the trail stewards present for trail reports:

Drew reported Illiniwek and Dorrance are overrun by a variety of stinging insects including (but not limited to) hornets, ground bees and yellow jackets. Many people have been stung recently. Drew has some wood projects planned for the fall for Illiniwek and Dorrance, but nothing of note to report at this meeting.

Brad updated the group on his plans to replace the aging boardwalk on Tarmac; the new boardwalk will include features to make this part of the trail more interesting. Brad and Glen have some donated lumber from a couple of sources but much more is needed as the boardwalk is quite long. Brad asked, and the board approved, for \$1000 to cover the costs of materials. Brad also asked for, and the board approved, \$300 to purchase a pruner/pole saw. Aaron discussed the mill a friend of his owns and its capability. This is certainly a source of inexpensive lumber and the gentleman can provide almost any dimensions we might need.

Dan provided the Board an update on work at the Dog Park. As approved by the Board last month he rented a mini excavator and moved a significant amount of dirt, creating berms, rollers and tabletop jumps. Dan stated he just needs some rain to moisten the soil so he can finish these new features. Glen asked if our insurance covers us should someone be injured using such equipment and (in this case the City of Davenport) had not provided permission to use said equipment. Aaron noted it is up to the Trail Stewards to contact the managers of the land on which their trails reside for such permissions.

Dave D reported Westbrook trails are in excellent condition. He's been doing a lot of spraying and trimming on these trails.

Aaron reported on the status of the Sylvan shelter project. Delivery of the shelter 'kit' is expected in mid October. Aaron is working with the concrete supplier to schedule pouring of the pad within the next two weeks.

Mandy reported on the FORC'N Duro, scheduled for September 18th. The ride will start at Westbrook and end at Dorrance. Mandy reported she'd been asked about making the ride a race for next year. The consensus is this would be a challenging change due to the logistics involved.

Mandy also suggested we organize a Take a Kid Mountain Biking event. This event is held the first Saturday in October. TMBR will be holding a local event at the Proving Grounds in Dubuque. This will be a kids only race with about 70 participants. Zach and Drew pointed out those trails are not well maintained; they are rooty and have drainage issues.

Mandy then provided an update on the upcoming Taming of the Slough (9/12/21). Only nine riders have signed up for the "long course" so the Group will not provide support (we communicated to River Action we wanted a minimum of 20 before we would support the long course. There's a short course, on Sylvan Island, as in previous years; Drew will be painting the course, using the same course as last year's race. Volunteers are needed for setup/teardown and to act as course marshals. It was noted the course marshals can also teardown.

Drew reported there is a problem with the website; not all the tabs are available. He's working on a fix.

The October meeting date is moved to October 11th due to many people heading to Michigan the week of the 4th.

In total 18 members attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.