

FORC Board Meeting

January 3rd, 2022

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Zachary B	Vice President
Mandy G	Race Director
Glen S	Treasurer
Dave B	Secretary

Also present was Brad M (Trail Steward for SCP) and Rick W (Trail Steward for Sylvan Island).

Glen provided the Treasurer's report:

The club has \$27,033 cash on hand. Reviewing November and December together, we received about \$900 in donations (Glen noted Exelon is a frequent donor), \$185 refund from the shelter, and \$200 in dues. Expenditures include insurance (\$2700) and \$408 for the Dog Park.

Glen reviewed last year's spending at some of the major trail systems:

Sunderbruch	\$133
SCP	\$1600
Illiniwek/Dorrance	\$622
Dog Park	\$2450

This review brought up a discussion tabled from the last meeting regarding allocation of monies across the various parks. In response to a question from Dave, Glen pointed out much of the money spent at Dog Park was used to establish the trails, as opposed to maintaining or improving, as was done at the other parks. SCP has more miles of trails than the other parks and significant improvements were made there.

Glen noted there are alternates to the current method of allocating \$500 per park per year. Aaron pointed out that money is intended for maintenance, not for projects and improvements. Glen suggested allocating monies based on the miles of trails in a system or the amount of usage each system gets. Another option to explore is having each Trail Steward approach the Board at the beginning of the year to get approval for proposed projects at their respective parks. Glen suggested the Board use a "fiscal year" of March through November when allocating monies for projects or trail maintenance, as no one works on trails during the winter. Each Trail Steward would be asked to provide all receipts in December, to allow the Board to "close out" the budget for the year and prepare a budget for the following year.

In the end the Board agreed to continue the budgeting discussion at the February meeting.

The last item discussed regarding the budget was obtaining a new trailer. The current trailer is just too small. Following discussion the Board agreed to pursue obtaining a new trailer, which we should have before Fondo on January 29th. A buyer for the old trailer has already been identified.

Aaron asked for trail reports. Brad reported there are 4 miles at SCP packed down and ready for winter riding. He further reported he and Glen are very close to opening Area 51 and expect that trail will be open in the spring. Rick reported Sylvan trails are in good shape and packed in.

Mandy reviewed preparations for the 25th annual membership drive/party, to be held January 15th at the Credit Island Lodge. She is asking for people to RSVP by Friday before; so far 37 people have indicated they will attend. Volunteers are required before, during and after the event. Setup begins at 4:00, with the food vendor arriving at 4:30. Mandy does not need anything from the Board at this time, although she pointed out we need more bottled water for the event.

Regarding the Fondo, Mandy reported 17 people have signed up so far; as it was last year there will be no day-of-race registration. The registration fee will be waived for anyone who provides items for the raffle; Monday noted several times we need more raffle swag. Mandy looked into an automated system for lap counting and it was over \$1000; the Board agreed that's just not a good use of our money. As was discussed at the last meeting, Aaron noted the route this year will be different than that in previous years due to a variety of factors, including river level and the amount of overgrowth on the island.

Mandy briefly discussed FORC's upcoming 25th Anniversary. No concrete plans have been made for a celebration, aside from everyone agrees there will be a celebration.

Mandy pointed out we have to get a permit from Moline for SIS (April 10th) and the SCP race (May 15th) and we should move on these permits now to avoid problems.

Mandy discussed potential upcoming changes at the State level with regards to coordination of the Iowa racing series. The proposed changes would result in more publicity for our events.

Brad discussed the potential for obtaining a machine for grooming our trails in the winter. A group to the west of us has one; Mandy showed a photograph of one. The Board took no action on this idea.

Aaron noted the group's DR trimmer needs maintenance. The Board agreed and Aaron will make the arrangements.

Mandy pointed out the Board had previously allotted \$2000 for an updated sound system/PA. To date no action on this item.

In total 15 members attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.