

FORC Board Meeting

November 7th, 2022

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Zachary B	Vice President
Mandy G	Race Director
Drew H	Web Director, Trail Steward for Illiniwek/Dorrance
Dave B	Secretary

Also present were Ben H (Trail Steward for Sunderbruch), Shannon G (First Lady) and Brad M (Trail Steward for Scott County Park).

Aaron opened the meeting with a brief discussion of group finances as Glen S, Treasurer, was not available to attend the meeting. The group has between \$24,000 and \$25,000 in the bank. Major upcoming expenses include the annual insurance bill of ~\$3000 and Brad has about \$500 worth of receipts for work done at SCP. No one present was aware of significant upcoming expenses.

Aaron reported he'd been contacted by the City of Davenport regarding Dog Park. Aaron wants the website updated to make it clear Dog Park is no longer affiliated with FORC (reference minutes of the June 6th, 2022 meeting). Aaron wants the only reference to Dog Park on our website (which is now working well!) to be the trail open/close status, similar to the Scott Community College trails. After some discussion Drew indicated he would update the site with a disclaimer indicating FORC is not affiliated with Dog Park.

Aaron asked for trail system status. Brad reported Area 51 is now open, and he's been doing some minor trail maintenance as of late. He's hoping to open the trails Tuesday the 8th. There are several trees down, identified during a trail condition ride, and he'll need help to remove them. Brad also reported the park is on winter hours. Aaron asked Brad if he had any specific projects planned for 2023, for budgeting purposes; Brad indicated he does not, aside from replacing decking on some bridges.

Continuing the trail reports, Drew noted he's been working on trail maintenance at Illiniwek and Dorrance, as well as closing "cut throughs" made by hikers. His work on the south downhill at Illiniwek continues; he's still installing decking on the third berm. Drew then segued into a discussion of the new properties acquired by the Rock Island County Park Board, on which we have been asked to prepare new trails. The first, Amowa, is about 100 acres and Drew thinks he can five to six miles of new trails on this lot located about two miles from Illiniwek. The other property is not moving as fast; Drew will update the Board at future meetings as things change. Aaron mentioned we have a new lot abutting Westbrook on which we can add trail; this property is accessed off Trail 101 before the first blue trail (201) and there's a potential for an additional mile of trail there. Drew has plans to walk down and flag this property soon.

Lastly under trail status, Ben reported Sunderbruch trails are in good condition following a trail day held last Sunday, with a good turnout. He's been rebuilding berms and needs lumber to support this

endeavour. He's located some inexpensive lumber in Amana but needs a truck and trailer to haul this lumber; Aaron indicated he had a rig Ben could use to haul the wood, as long as it was on a weekend. Ben also reported we (FORC) had previously indicated we'd help with Sunderbruch cleanup and that marker has come due; he'll work to organize such an effort.

Brad asked whether FORC could buy business cards the trail stewards could carry and hand out when interacting with members of the public who might not be familiar with the Group. Shannon immediately pointed out we could add a QR code to such a card to lead people to the website. Aaron segued into a general discussion about publicizing FORC and our trail systems. There are a number of people who ride but don't know who we are, or don't know where the trail systems can be found. Someone brought up there's a rider who frequents Sunderbruch and who, until very recently, was unaware of the existence of any of the other trail systems FORC maintains. Aaron is looking for ideas on how to publicize FORC and its trail systems; he asked Board members and others present to bring ideas on this subject to the December meeting.

Mandy discussed the recent mini-enduro race held at Illiniwek. This event was a success for such short notice with over 20 participants, all of whom genuinely enjoyed the event. The Board discussed options for similar events in the future; Aaron pointed out the second cross-country race did not work out as well as it could have and he's looking for options. The idea of running another mini-enduro at Sunderbruch was brought up. The discussion led to our lack of good timing equipment. We could use such equipment at all our races but the initial expense is quite high and one needs the technical expertise to operate it correctly. We could share timing equipment with the local running clubs. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

In response to a question from a member, Aaron reported Pavilion construction is waiting on re-engineering of the concrete pad, due to an issue with the depth to bedrock. There is no estimate as to when this engineering will be completed, but the City of Moline has made it clear no permit will be issued until the engineering is complete.

Mandy reviewed upcoming events:

- Night ride at Dorrance 6:00 p.m. November 9th.
- December 3rd is global fatbike day; we normally gather at the Freight House in Davenport at noon for a picture.
- Fondo on January 28th, if Mandy can make that work. Mandy needs help getting raffle prizes for Fondo, so all members are asked to help get these. Mandy has letters for donors; see her if you need some.
- SIS will be April 2nd
- May 7th we will have our second race, which has yet to be defined (see notes above)
- We are planning a 12 hour race but right now that's all the detail we have.

Mandy noted our radios need replacing. We have been tossing them as they fail, one by one. No further discussion was held on this topic.

Aaron closed the meeting with the topic of elections. Per our by-laws the President and VP are elected in odd years, Secretary and Treasurer in even years. Other positions, such as the Race Director, are elected every two years. Public Relations has effectively rolled into the Race Director. If anyone is

interested in an office they are encouraged to step up. Formal elections will be during the December meeting.

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

The next Board meeting will be December 5th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.