

FORC Board Meeting

December 5th, 2022

The following Board members were present:

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

Also present were Andrew N (Trail Steward for Sunderbruch) and Brad M (Trail Steward for Scott County Park).

Glen provided the Treasurer's report:

At the beginning of November the group had \$25640 in its account. After various checks were written, including \$550 to Brad M, \$2800 for insurance, \$650 to register the new trailer and \$200 to Drew, the bank balance at the end of November is ~\$21400. Glen noted we have about 20 months of operating expenses in the bank, assuming we receive no additional income during this period. Glen noted Constellation (formerly Exelon) now wants 501(c)3 organizations to register for donations through a website called Front Door. Donations will be automatically deposited.

Glen's discussion of the insurance payment engendered a discussion regarding how the group's insurance works. We are not sure if we insure by miles or by parks; Glen will check on this. Glen indicated he thought we should continue to carry insurance on Dog Park; after discussion the Board agreed we will not do so.

Mandy suggested we hold a separate budget meeting, similar to the one held on April 20th of this year, in January to allow Trail Stewards the opportunity to present their proposed 2023 projects for the Board to review. Aaron indicated he preferred such a meeting be held in February. The date of this meeting has not been set.

In that vein, Glen asked the Trail Stewards present if any of them has any large expenses planned for '23. Drew, Andrew and Brad stated they would each need about \$1000 for their respective parks. Drew then discussed the new land we are allowed to use at Westbrook, and stated he doesn't know how much money will be required to complete these new trails. He has marked the proposed trails, which needs to be cleared. Brad, Glen and Dave volunteered to start on that project. Drew noted he's made little progress on the new land near Illiniwek save to mark out some potential trails.

Glen closed the financial discussion by noting we spent around \$4000 for all parks in the last two years. He encourages Trail Stewards to turn in their trail-related expenses for reimbursement.

Mandy provided an update on upcoming events:

We are approved (by Davenport) for the Fondo on January 28th and for FORC Side Thrill Ride at Sunderbruch on May 7th.

Mandy brought up the idea of raising race entry fees, and provided a proposed schedule of the new fees; for the most part we are raising most fees by \$5 and adding “day of” fees for our races. Mandy pointed out we have not raised our fees for several years and we are much lower than comparable races run by other groups; she noted the expected increase in annual revenues from the new fees would be as much as \$2475. The Board agreed we should raise fees but no agreement was reached as to the amounts. This discussion will continue at the January Board meeting. The Board did agree to raise annual membership rates by \$5.

Mandy discussed potential events to hold for '23. One of these is a 12 hour race; after discussion no decision was made and this item will be discussed in detail at a future meeting. Mandy proposed a combined Swap Meet/Membership Party, using the same location as last year's Swap Meet (Village Theatre at the Village of East Davenport). While the idea is well received by the Board there are misgivings about the proposed venue. The Board is looking for suggestions as to where to hold this event.

Mandy reviewed the following upcoming dates for FORC events:

January 2 nd	Board/Membership meeting
January 28 th	Fondo
February 6 th	Board/Membership meeting
March 6 th	Board/Membership meeting
March ??	Swap Meet/Membership Party
March 27 th	April Board/Membership meeting (pulled up to have the meeting before SIS)
April 2 nd	Sylvan Island Stampede (SIS)
May 1 st	Board/Membership meeting
May 7 th	FORC Side Thrill Ride
June 5 th	Board/Membership meeting

Mandy noted Fondo registration will start in a couple of weeks. Dave asked if she'd received any raffle prizes yet; she has not but will get a newsletter out soon.

Mandy noted there were about eighty riders participating in Global Fatbike Day on December 3rd.

Aaron led a discussion, continued from the previous meeting, on how to get the message out about FORC. While various suggestions were proffered, no decisions were made. One idea the Board liked was to put a QR code on signs on the trails to allow visitors with smart phones to access the web site and make donations. Other organizations do this with great success. A gentleman named Ben H indicated he and his partner have developed a smart phone application which he believes will be of use

to the group. Several Board and regular members signed up to see a demonstration of this application; Mandy collected the information and will arrange the meeting.

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 January meeting.

In total 19 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be January 2nd, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.