

FORC Board Meeting

January 2nd, 2023

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 Shannon G (First Lady).

Mandy opened the meeting with a discussion of preparations for FONDO (January 28th):

There are several options available for first place awards (we have second and third place awards available). Following discussion the Board agreed on a design. Aaron has some wood from Vietnam which will be good for the body of the trophy and Mandy needs eight scrap brake rotors for the bases. Andy will decorate the bodies with Lichtenburg burning and the FORC logo will be burned into the trophies as well.

Mandy passed out flyers and donation letters for local businesses to donate raffle swag. Mandy has received donations from one bike shop to date.

Mandy received a check for \$1422.82 from IMBCS (Bike Iowa) for Juniors. We will use that money to cover Junior entry fees for FONDO.

Rudy's will cover food; Mandy still needs raffle swag and volunteers, especially for road crossings and timers; there are plenty of volunteers for the crotch. She passed out a sheet for individuals to sign up.

Aaron organized a group ride on Credit Island yesterday and feels he has a good idea for this year's course, which will be about 3.75 miles and approximate last year's course. Of course changes in river conditions will impact the course. Aaron expects to tape off the course about 1 week before the race.

Lastly on FONDO, Mandy brought up registration. This year we have limited "day of" registration from 8:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. The race starts at 11:00 a.m. and runs until 2:00 p.m.

Andy has plenty of scrap at Sunderbruch which can be used for the bonfire at the crotch. There are also several ½ barrels of beer available at no cost.

Next, Mandy moved into a brief discussion of a venue for the Swap Meet/Membership meeting. No decision was made, although several potential venues were discussed, including Rock Island County Fairgrounds and Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.

Mandy closed with a quick review of upcoming events (after FONDO): Sylvan Island Stampede will be April 2nd and we have an event planned for May 7th, possibly at Sunderbruch.

One of the members brought up the topic of a timing system. He proposed one system which can be shared amongst the three organizations (cycling and running) in the area who need it. Up front cost is about \$10,000, and there are periodic expenses (namely race tags and maintenance) which will need to be covered. There are plenty of questions to be answered and we agreed to form a committee consisting of members of all three groups to hash out all the details. The system is found at www.raceresult.com.

Aaron closed the meeting with the topic of elections. As no one stepped up to run for any of the positions up for re-election, the incumbents remain in office. The Board, following discussion, eliminated the separate position of Insurance Manager, as all that is entailed anymore is paying the bill as it comes, and the position of Public Relations Manager as that is covered by the Race Director.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.