

FORC Board Meeting

February 6th, 2023

The following Board members were present:

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

Mandy started the meeting with a discussion of various issues related to racing:

Both Iowa and Illinois state organizations are looking for Race Directors. The immediate impact on FORC is minimal; this issue affects racers who are looking to accumulate points in the race circuit (series). We don't know how many racers are participating in the series points, but we do know those riders in SIS from Wisconsin definitely want to accumulate points for use in their home state.

Speaking of SIS, the City of Moline approved SIS for April 2nd. We paid \$50 to submit the request. Mandy noted USAAC is raising its race fees (the amount we pay to hold a race) by \$25. This money is used to provide insurance for the race. Aaron asked if we should find a different source of insurance. After a brief discussion the issue was dropped.

April 1st is Take a Kid Mountain Biking on Sylvan Island. We will follow up that afternoon with course cleanup and markup for SIS the following day.

The Swap Meet and Membership Party will be April 8th at the Village Theatre in the Village of East Davenport. Aaron will smoke pork butts and FORC will provide sides (cole slaw, beans, chips). The theatre will open the bar for us; members will be encouraged to BYOB as well.

May 7th will be the FORC Side Thrill Ride at Sunderbruch. This event will be discussed in more detail during future meetings.

Aaron led a discussion on the proposed 12 hour race, to be (tentatively) held in August. We would like to hold this event at Scott County Park, but have not yet obtained permission from the Rangers. The Board agrees SCP is the best venue for this event; Aaron will try once more to obtain this permission. Alternate venues are Westbrook and Illiniwek. Glen proposed a combination Dorrance/Illiniwek race, with riders expected to ride from Port Byron to Hampton on the hard path. Zach noted that's about 22 miles of riding, which is good for this event. Westbrook has adequate room for parking and pits provided the ball diamonds are not in use the same day. Sunderbruch is a possible alternative but parking is limited (although overflow is available) and the trails are tougher. Aaron wants to cap this event at 150 riders. A last option was to approach ICOR and host a combined event at Sugarbottom.

Aaron spoke with an individual from Trailforks and learned we (FORC) can have complete control over all our content on that site (there's also a mobile application). Already on Trailforks is a link to donate to FORC. All this is at zero cost to FORC; Trailforks is maintained with fees paid by users.

Glen noted the 2023 FONDO netted \$3123, compared to \$3286 last year. We had 107 riders registered for the race. The race enjoyed better coverage on television (channel 6 was there) than in previous years. Glen reported the group has \$26,400 in the bank, after paying out \$2800 for annual insurance and just over \$1500 to cover trail related expenses in December.

In total 16 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.