

FORC Board Meeting

March 27th, 2023

The following Board members were present:

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

Also present was Brad M, Trail Steward for Scott County Park, Josh W, Trail Steward for Sylvan Island and Shannon G, First Lady.

Mandy started the meeting with a discussion of the upcoming Sylvan Island Stampede (SIS):

As of this meeting there are 104 riders registered. We expect that number to rise as the weather forecast for Sunday is favorable for riding. Although we had a successful cleanup day Sunday the 26th, with storms expected Friday additional cleanup may be needed.

Those who are helping with setup should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, after completion of the Take a Kid Mountain Biking and Mountain Biking 101 events (see below). Those helping on the day of the race should plan to arrive at 7:00 Sunday morning.

Mandy went over the course map to discuss locations of Course Marshalls and where she thought tape would be needed to direct riders at intersections. Mandy passed out a sign-up sheet for Course Marshalls and other help needed the day of the race.

As was already mentioned April 1st is Take a Kid Mountain Biking (for 17 and under) on Sylvan Island, followed by Mountain Bike 101 (for older participants) in the afternoon. Take a Kid MTB runs from 10:00 to 12:00, MTB 101 runs from 1:00 to 3:00.

The Swap Meet and Membership Party will be April 8th at the Village Theatre in the Village of East Davenport. That same morning is the Easter Egg Scramble, a 5K run, in the same area. Looking at the schedule, we expect the runners will be largely clear of the area by noon, which is when we will begin setup; the Swap Meet officially starts at 1:00 and ends at 3:00; following clean-up the Membership Party will start at 4:00 and run until 8:00. Aaron and Glen will smoke pork butts and FORC will provide sides (cole slaw, beans, chips). Attendees are encouraged to bring additional sides and desserts. The theatre will open the bar for us; members will be encouraged to BYOB as well.

The Board held a discussion regarding the 12-hour event we initially discussed at the February meeting. During the March 6th meeting the Board decided to pursue holding this event at Westbrook Park and Dave was given the action to contact DeWitt Parks and Rec to determine available dates in June or July. Dave reported the available dates in June and July did not work for FORC. After discussion Dave will contact DeWitt Parks and Rec and see about getting a date in September or October. The Board also changed the event to a six hour event.

Right now the flyers Mandy provided at the last meeting mention a race (FORC Side Thrill Ride) on May 7th. There had been previous discussions about this being a cross country race. After discussion the Board decided this will be an enduro style race, to be held at Sunderbruch. Mandy suggested charging entrants a small entry fee (\$5) and the Board decided we (FORC) will set up grills; attendees can bring their own meats and dishes to pass in a meal Mandy dubbed "Sunderbrunch".

Glen reported we have \$28,760 in the bank; there is no notable activity to report.

Glen brought up a concern regarding sharing of documents. For example, documents related to FORCs finances. Drew will set up server space to allow secure uploading of such documents.

During the Membership meeting a lengthy discussion was held regarding coordination of trail use with other users, namely running groups who hold events. The idea is to set a trail system up for multiple races to be held in successive days, with runner and rider groups working together to setup and tear down for these events, thus saving resources and avoiding unexpected conflicts over use of a given trail system. During this discussion Josh brought up the idea of forming a Quad Cities specific Racing Series, to encourage riders to participate in multiple events. Once a month, Group Rides would be time trials. Riders compete for bragging rights. Aaron pointed out riders who participate must be FORC members for insurance purposes.

Glen asked to have trail construction (new trail as well as new features on existing trails) added as a permanent agenda item. The Board agreed.

Aaron asked for a Point of Contact for Westbrook park, as that Trail Steward rarely attends our meetings and winters in warmer climes. Dave B, who lives about 15 minutes from Westbrook, volunteered. Aaron asked Dave to set up a trail day at Westbrook as that system has been neglected all winter. Dave agreed to check the trails out and set such a day up.

In total 17 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be May 1st, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.