

## FORC Board Meeting

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

The following Board members were present:

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

Also present were Andrew N, Trail Steward for Sunderbruch and Josh W, Trail Steward for Sylvan Island.

Aaron provided a brief update on the Sylvan Island Pavilion project. The contractor for the concrete has to register with the city of Moline before a permit will be given for the work.

Based on the recently completed FORC'N Duro the trail systems are in excellent condition and no further trail reports were provided.

Andrew asked about providing custom trail work shirts for those who are helping at Sunderbruch. Currently FORC provides free shirts for those who work past a given amount of time on the trails. The Board agreed with Andrew's request, which he estimates will cost no more than \$200.

Dave D, Trail Steward at Westbrook, needs a helper as his current assistant is no longer available. Dave B volunteered to assist; Aaron sent a note to Dave D to that effect.

Mandy set up a Group Ride at SCP for 11:00 Sunday. Hot dogs will be provided, riders can bring their own sides.

Mandy reported on the FORC'N Duro, which completed over the weekend. Of the 37 riders who started, nine completed the full course (dirt and pavement) and nine completed the dirt only.

Mandy noted some memberships have expired, including among Board members. Andrew asked whether we could give memberships in exchange for trail work or other significant contributions such as being a Board member. Following discussion no changes were made as paid memberships are the cleanest record-keeping method we have for our insurance.

There was a discussion on controlling undergrowth on our trail systems. Rock Island County sprays Illiniwek using a selective herbicide which controls the undergrowth well.

Aaron and Mandy discussed Brandon's proposal for a race series on our trails. We are looking at a four race series at Sylvan, Sunderbruch, Illiniwek and SCP. The Board is in favor of pursuing this with Brandon.

Aaron led a discussion on publicity for the Group. Other nearby organizations are better at publicizing their trail systems than we are; how can we spread the word about our great trails? While a consensus was reached Facebook is not a good way to inform the public, no agreement was reached on how best to improve our reach. The Board is open to suggestions!

In total 15 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.