

FORC Board Meeting

November 6th, 2023

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Mandy G	Race Director
Dave B	Secretary
Zachary B	Vice President

Also present were Andrew N, Trail Steward for Sunderbruch, Shannon G, First Lady, Brad M, Trail Steward for Scott County Park, Dave D, Trail Steward for Westbrook and Josh W, Trail Steward for Sylvan Island.

Aaron opened the meeting with Trail Reports:

Brad will purchase lumber for bridge repairs at SCP. The Board reiterated its previous approval of this expenditure. A new hard path is being constructed at the park and, according to the Rangers, will be off limits to horses and mountain bikes.

Dave D reports Westbrook trails are in good shape, with the exception of needing leaf removal.

Andy reports he's completed a refresh of the Jump Line at Sunderbruch. He's also going to acquire some rough cut lumber for bridge repairs. Brad asked whether the new signs are well received; Andy reported they are.

Josh reported Sylvan trails, like Westbrook, need to be cleared of leaves. He also noted an unknown individual has been felling trees and constructing a small log cabin on the Island. Dave Brown brought an invoice (\$1000) for the last bit of engineering needed before construction can begin on the Pavilion. The Board approved the expenditure.

Mandy discussed upcoming events:

December 2nd is Global Fatbike Day

Fondo will be January 27th, 2024

The annual Membership party will be February 3rd or 17th, depending on availability of venue. Previously this event was scheduled to coincide, and share a venue with, the Swap Meet; this proved to be problematic so it's best to separate the two. Several venues were suggested; Mandy will make phone calls and update the Board members as needed. Anyone with an idea for a venue for this event is encouraged to contact Mandy. Later in the meeting ideas for a culinary contest (such as a Chili Cook-off or Smoke-Off) were discussed. No

The Swap Meet will be March 10th or 24th at the Village Theatre in Davenport.

Our 2024 Race Series will be as follows:

April 6th: Sylvan Island Stampede

May 4th: Illiniwek

June 1st: Sunderbruch

Mandy noted the Scholastic Race Series (the one coordinated by Ben Dalby) will be six straight weekends at SCP. We are tentatively planning an endurance event for May 18th, so we will have to ensure we don't conflict with one of the Scholastic races.

Lastly regarding the Race schedule, Mandy and Brandon B developed a proposed schedule for a day of racing with a long and short course and several classes of racers. There was quite a bit of discussion on this idea, which was received favorably by the Board. We will discuss this in detail at future Board meetings.

Mandy pointed out to all present for races we are separated from the State organizations and this Race Series we discussed at tonight's meetings is our series and we set our own rules.

Brandon brought up the issue of timekeeping for the races. Mandy and Brandon noted an individual with whom we were hoping to collaborate on the purchase of a shared timekeeping system has purchased his own. While we might be able to borrow this system there's no guarantee we would be able to do so. Aaron noted a Title Sponsor for an event might be willing to grant us as much as \$7500 to \$10,000, enough to buy our own system. Brandon and Mandy will work to identify such a sponsor.

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

The next Board meeting will be December 4th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.