

## FORC Board Meeting

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Mandy G	Race Director
Dave B	Secretary
Zachary B	Vice President
Drew H	Web Director

Also present were Andrew N, Trail Steward for Sunderbruch and Brad M, Trail Steward for Scott County Park.

Glen S was unable to attend but sent the following Treasurer's Report:

The Group has \$35,660 in the bank. Upcoming expenses include \$3000 for our insurance and \$1145 for SCP work. Andy will be reimbursed \$637.50 for shirts he purchased, plus a minor expense he incurred. We received an \$80.00 check from Charities Aid Foundation plus a check for membership.

Glen also noted in his report if we pay separate insurance for our four scheduled events in 2024 that will be about \$1260.

Mandy reminded everyone of the four scheduled events for 2024:

FONDO	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
SIS	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Illiniwek	May 4 <sup>th</sup> (Star Wars Day)
Sunderbruch	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>

In addition we are tentatively planning a 12 hour event at SCP, date tbd. Mandy will bring a more detailed proposal to a future Board meeting for discussion.

Aaron then segued into a lengthy discussion of Brandon's latest proposal for the format for the events at Sylvan and Illiniwek. At each of these events he is proposing three start times, each with its own categories of riders. Still to be determined is separation of the age groups for the adult riders. Other unknowns include a timing system (purchase our own or rent one). Brandon's proposal is as follows:

Start 1.

Youth 1 (13 and under)

1 loop

Youth 2 (14-18)

2 loops

Beginner

2 loops

(Overall / age groups)

Start 2

Short

3 loops

(Overall / age groups)

Start 3

Long

5 loops

(Overall / age groups)

As Brandon was not present the discussion will have to continue at a future meeting.

Mandy discussed other upcoming events:

The annual Membership party will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Icons Martini Lounge Banquet Room between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. We are going for the Great FORC'n Smoke-Out (name of contest under review) to encourage attendees to bring their best smoked meats to share and be judged.

The Swap Meet will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village Theatre in Davenport. Setup will begin at 1030 and the meet will run from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Next the Board discussed the request from Visit Quad Cities, which has some money left over after purchasing bicycles using funds received from RAGBRAI and is looking for a good bike-friendly way to invest this money. The Board feels a new Bike Repair Station would be a great addition to a trail system. As Sylvan Island already has one, Sunderbruch seems the best location. Mandy will notify VQC.

Mandy noted there's an upcoming meeting between the leadership of the local cycling clubs and the Mayors of the individual cities. The purpose of the meeting is to make local governments aware of the cycling activities taking place in their own backyards.

Mandy noted QCBC will be hosting a booth at the RAGBRAI Expo and has asked FORC to share the booth and split the cost. The Board decided to participate and provide \$200 for our share of the cost.

This year's Global Fatbike Day was well attended. There was some discussion on how to improve this event for next year. No decisions were made.

Aaron brought up the topic of elections. Open for this year's cycle are the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Individuals who wish to be nominated for these positions should submit their names at the January meeting, with formal elections to be held during the February meeting.

Although the position of President is not open in this year's cycle, Aaron indicated, due to personal reasons, he would like to step down for at least a year. Individuals who are interested in filling in as President should submit their names at the February meeting as well.

Drew will update the website to prominently display election information.

Karl D discussed the MTB club he coaches from North Scott High School; this club has about 20 riders. Although he'd like to open the club up, due to school rules he has to limit riders to NSHS only. He's working to get more local schools to create their own clubs as a means of encouraging riding and state some competitions. The Board brought up the idea of FORC providing a coach, which places the club under our insurance and could allow expanded membership. Karl further noted he's in the process of building a trail system near Eldridge; this system will have about 2.5 miles of singletrack when complete. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Karl will be holding an event at SCP and requested the use of our trailer (and contents) to support this event.

Mandy passed out flyers and asks any and all FORC members to hit up local shops for Swag for the FONDO. Mandy proposed waiving fees for FONDO riders under 18; the Board agreed.

Lastly the Board discussed the idea of having a LBS set up a demo at one of our events. Sunderbruch park is the best venue for this. No formal decision was made.

Aaron noted Dave D, Trail Steward for Westbrook, will be out of town at least into April. After contacting Dave D, Dave B will fill in as Trail Steward in his absence.

In total 12 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.