

## FORC Board Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The following Board members were present:

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

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

President Aaron G was unable to attend the meeting. Vice President Zachary B ran the meeting in his absence.

Elections are set for the February meeting for the following positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Race Director
- Web Director

Members wishing to be considered for one of these positions should contact any Officer and attend the February meeting.

Mandy discussed preparations for FONDO:

- Rudy's will provide food
- An Emcee has been arranged
- Central Illinois Mountain Bike Association (CIMBA) will provide SWAG for the raffle
- Some SWAG has been received, but more is needed. Options are to contact businesses outside of bike shops, such as breweries, and to consider purchasing items from LBS at cost and raffling those items.
- We need a good supply of firewood for the Crotch area and the Lodge area. Andy pointed out he's got a nice supply of old rough cut at Sunderbruch. This will be difficult to remove after the impending snowmageddon, so other sources will be required. There is some firewood available on Credit Island but moving it may prove difficult. During the Membership meeting Jeremiah C generously offered to donate a supply of good firewood. The Board will provide a donation letter so he may deduct the value from his taxes.
- Mandy is looking for help manufacturing trophies. She brought a flyer with some ideas. Brad, Dave and Andy have access to power tools to manufacture the wooden bases for the trophies; Mandy will hit up the LBS for scrap rotors, etc. to be used to finish them.

Regarding other events, Mandy noted the permit for the Stampede in April has been approved. She has not heard back regarding the permit for the Illiniwek Abermination in May.

The Board was unable to agree on a cool name for the upcoming Membership Party, which will feature a “smoke-off” contest to encourage folks to bring their best smoked meats. The Board agreed to purchase HyVee gift cards with values of \$100, \$50 and \$25 to use as prizes for the smoke-off. The membership party will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Icons Martini Lounge in Rock Island. FORC will provide side dishes; the Board set the budget for the entire event (including the prize money) at \$500.

The annual Swap Meet is set for March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village Theatre in Davenport, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Those who wish to purchase a table for this event should contact Mandy.

Glen provided the Treasurer’s Report:

The Group has \$31,035 in the bank after paying for insurance and other expenses approved at the December meeting. Glen reported the additional liability insurance the Board approved for Officers and Board members will cost about \$400 and there is additional documentation to be submitted as part of the application. Glen will continue this effort as he has time. As noted last month, the insurance for our four races will come to \$1260.

Glen noted we received a donation of \$150 from the Trail Sisters, a local running group.

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

There was a brief discussion about using Birdies for Charity to raise money. Following discussion the Board decided to NOT pursue this option.

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

The next Board meeting will be February 5<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.