FORC Board Meeting

February 5th, 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

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.

Treasurer Glen S was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report of FONDO proceeds:

Gross proceeds \$3539, as follows:

\$1194 raffle ticket sales

\$170 donation at the crotch

\$2175 race fees

Expenses \$1000, as follows:

\$150 volunteer meals

\$350 insurance

\$150 miscellaneous

\$350 crotch supplies

Net Proceeds: \$2539

Mandy discussed the outcome of a recent meeting to set race format for our next three races. For each of the next three events (Sylvan, Illiniwek, Sunderbruch) there will be three races, as follows:

Long XC (5 laps) start 9:00 a.m.

Juniour/Beginner (2 laps) start 12:00 noon

Short XC (3 laps) start 2:00 p.m.

There will be a kid's race (five and under) at 11:30 a.m.

For each race there will be three age groups: 18 and under, 19 to 39 and 40+, as well as men and women.

Payouts for the race winners as follows:

Long XC Five payouts: \$100, \$80, \$60, \$40 and \$20

Short XC Three payouts: \$50, \$40 and \$30

Juniour/Beginner Medals only

If registration numbers are low we will adjust payouts so we don't pay out more than we take in in registration fees.

Registration prices for each event will raise one week before the event (for example, March 31st for SIS on April 6th) and on-line registration will close two days before the event (for SIS, April 4th). Limited "day of" registration will be available, unless the people we hire to run the race timing are unable to accommodate that.

For the Long XC, to prevent delays in the subsequent races, riders will be prevented from starting a new lap after two hours.

The Board decided any or all of the above may change, after SIS, depending on how well it goes at SIS.

Mandy next brought up an important trail meeting to be held 4:00 p.m. on Thursday the 8th at Rivers Edge and hosted by Davenport Parks and Recreation, to discuss potential additional off-road trails in Davenport. Andy agreed to attend this meeting to represent our interests; any FORC member who is interested is encouraged to attend as well.

The Membership meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on February 23rd 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. This meeting will feature a "smoke off" contest; at the last meeting the Board agreed to purchase HyVee gift cards with values of \$100, \$50 and \$25 to use as prizes for the smoke-off.

The annual Swap Meet is set for March 10th 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.

The Board held a discussion regarding the issue of race timing. We had a timer set up for SIS but that person backed out. Timing systems are expensive, and we would need a small group of dedicated individuals just to run the timing system due to the complexities of the technology. This issue will be a topic for the next race meeting, which is set for February 25th at 2:00p.m.

Elections were opened for the following positions:

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

As no one came forward to be considered for any of these positions, all current individuals remain in these offices. Elections were closed.

During the Membership meeting Mandy reminded everyone of the three remaining scheduled events for 2024:

SIS April 6th

Illiniwek May 4th (Star Wars Day)

Sunderbruch June 2nd

In total 13 individuals attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be March 4th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with the membership meeting to start immediately following at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.