

FORC Board Meeting

April 1st, 2024

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Mandy G	Race Director
Dave B	Secretary, 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 SCP.

Mandy opened with a discussion of the preparations for SIS, which is this coming Saturday:

- Volunteers are needed for course setup, course marshalls, etc.
- As of this meeting 132 riders had signed up
- Mandy needs prizes to hand out for SIS. We need a total of 18 trophies for all three races this year. The Board decided prizes for the best three riders overall after all three of this year's races have been run will be free race entries for next year.
- We have a person set up to perform timing for the race. We are paying this individual \$1800. There was a discussion about timing for the next two events; the Board agreed it's not cost effective to pay this same individual to time the next two races, which are expected to draw far fewer riders than SIS, even at the "bulk" rate of \$1600 per event. One advantage of using this expensive system is it allows Drew has a App which allows for timing using a smart phone, it's relatively inexpensive but it's all manual (the user presses the displayed number for each rider as they pass by) and would be challenging for an individual watching a large number of riders. Bottom line is we have four weeks to resolve the timing issue for the next race.
- Setup for the race will start at 5:00 p.m. this coming Friday. Mandy plans to arrive Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.
- Mandy also pointed out we have four riders already signed up for the Illiniwek event and two for Sunderbruch.

The concrete pad for the pavilion is poured. We can't erect the pavilion until Dave Brown is available, which won't be until after SIS.

Illiniwek Abermination will be held on Star Wars Day (Saturday May 4th).

FORC Side Thrill Ride will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at Sunderbruch.

Mandy is looking for food vendors for the Illiniwek and Sunderbruch events. Send her your ideas!

Drew updated the board on the rebuild of the berms on the Illiniwek south downhill.

Andy discussed upcoming work on Sunderbruch in preparation for the race to be held in two months. The Board discussed possible routes for that race; no decision was made.

Dave B noted the implement dealer directly adjacent to Westbrook Park is for sale. Dave was concerned because most of trail 206 is on private property. Later Dave reviewed the Beacon website and learned none of 206 is on the implement dealership and won't be affected by the sale. Scott M, a member, brought up concerns regarding the new trail at Westbrook, which is temporarily closed until it can be routed away from the railroad easement. Dave B committed to communicating with Jim H and Jim W as soon as practical to get the re-route complete and the trail re-opened.

Brad briefly discussed a new power line with the potential to impact some of the south loop at SCP, including a large portion of Tarmac.

The meeting was then turned over to representatives from Chestnut Mountain in Galena; they have recently constructed several downhill trails (~7 miles) with lift access. Their plan is to open Memorial Day (weather permitting). The new bike park includes:

- A rental fleet, including gear rentals
- Bike shop
- Skills loop
- Lift access for all trails
- Eight professionally built trails with more planned; currently there are ~7 miles of trails.
- Season passes (price TBD)
- Bar/restaurant on site

The reps will be at SIS to pass out information to interested individuals, and they will set up a booth at the Illiniwek event.

Drew will put a link to their website, www.chestnutmtn.com, on our website.

Lastly another guest, Brayden Moore from Velo Rescue, discussed his mobile bike shop with the group. Visit www.velorescue.com for more information.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.