

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2016

Number in Attendance: 38

Review and Approval of February Minutes: Motion passed.

Trail Reports: All closed; be patient

- **Sunderbruch** – closed. Tons of trail damage from hikers and dogs. Discussed add'l signage, advocating on social media, trifold brochures, and word of mouth.
- **WestBrook** – closed.
- **Illiniwek** – closed. Trails rutted up from hiker traffic. Drew might be out this weekend depending on weather; will post online if anything will be set up. Need to get out to clean up before the race. Doesn't believe many trees down, but hasn't been out in a few weeks to check.
- **Dorrance** – meetings with RI County and RiverAction about getting funding for bridges, etc. Will try to get funding from add'l areas. FORC shouldn't have to put much \$\$ in initially, just more labor. Drew will keep everyone updated
- **Stephens** – closed. Soft, but traffic still happening. Work has begun on final section and should be done in Spring. Final signage starting to go in – donated by City of Moline.

Fondo Fest Recap:

- Race was a financial success. Huge thanks to Vonda, Bobby from Healthy Habits, people that helped with raffle, etc.
- River messed with route, but thanks to Ray and Juicywipe for re-routing last minute.
- Thanks to all who helped and attended. Having lodge and bike shops set up inside was awesome. Great tacos from Rudys, too.

April 17th – Illiniwek Abermination Race:

- Need to see if vendors/bike shops want to come out to the race.
- Drew is still planning and going over the details; permits are approved.
- Will be posting updates on website, forum, FB on what doing to get ready, volunteers, promotions.
- Looking for bike patrol since Len won't be able to help. Fred/Amie are current for bike patrol, but unavailable for the race. Need to find.
- One meeting yet prior to race, but will keep the website updated.
- Technically don't have race director, but try to do by committee. Need a central person to coordinate. Interest? – will take nominations/volunteers. Races are #1 monetary generator. FORC has commitment to the trails we took on – each trail steward gets \$500/yr for tools, etc; have insurance to pay.

Treasurer Report:

- Good couple of months with the membership drive and Fondo.
- In the black \$2,600, but have some big expenses coming up yet– primarily insurance (\$2,800/yr).

Spring Swap Meet:

- Thanks to the Browns, we have a secured location.
- Sunday, April 10th from 12-3 pm.
- In the Village Theatre in the Village of East Davenport (next to the basketball courts).
- The building was donated and has tables. No charge to us, no charge to bring items to sell.
- The Browns mentioned they could open the bar – beer/wine.
- We will reach out to QCBC and other bike clubs.

Upcoming Events:

- Is there interest in MTB 101, 201, etc.? Fred/Amie – if still interested in putting on, put together some dates/times.
- May 7th – GOAT ride (Get Out And Trail). Last year we set up at Illiniwek and Sunderbruch. Illiniwek was a bust, so will only to Sunderbruch this year. Typically set up a tent with water, etc. (This is also the date of the Tour de Brew)
- Enduro – who is willing to organize? Looking for volunteers.
- Time Trials – looking for volunteers as Paul wants to be able to ride too.

20th Anniversary in 2017:

- Want to still keep on forefront looking for volunteers to take on.
- In typical FORC fashion, would like similar to Midwest Mountain Bike Fest.
- Need to reach out to vendors and set something up similar to this.
- Dave Brown volunteered as long as get volunteers to help. No problem there.
- Bike demo trucks – yes; we want it all. Bobby from HH said Salsa was interested in doing something in the Midwest.
- Dave got email recently from Michelle Barker. Apparently Des Moines is talking about doing a Midwest MTB Festival.
- Fest will probably be at Scott County Park.

501(c)(3) Update:

- Still pursuing.
- Board approved some updates to the bylaws. Technical in nature with required verbiage needed for non-discrimination and non-profit purpose.
 - Can still judge on width of tires and type of beer 😊

Change of Venue:

- Nothing set in stone, but wanted to throw out to the group to see if anyone wants to look further.

- Starting Line offered up their banquet area to us on Mondays (closed to the public).
- Happy hour until 5:30; willing to do \$5 burger basket and \$2 domestic drafts. Not sure if have local beers.
- Drawback is parking. Parking ramp next door is \$0.75/hr. Limited bike parking.
- May be more to come. Open to suggestions.

Open Items:

- Vonda – didn't do jerseys last fall, are we interested this year.
 - Consensus was to hold off and do something big for the 20th anniversary.
- Suggestion for club ride jerseys and mechanics shirts. Costs will be looked into further.
- Vonda – group rides. Willing to organize more group rides on a weekly basis with help from volunteers to coordinate and alternate. Many interested and willing to help.
- St Paddy's Parade reminder this weekend.
- Bobby from HH – the QC Criterium will be hosting a Faterium. Free to enter.
 - Tires need to be 3.8" or bigger.
 - Will be 1 lap set to start just before the Men's 1-2 race
 - Held the Monday of Memorial Day
 - Ray and Juicywipe met with Bobby for FORC help needed in building stuff. Will there be people available that day? Plenty of volunteers.
 - HH will have skills area set up in upper Lindsay Park (similar to a Rays MTB Park).
 - FORC is approved to have merchandise tent in the park.
 - HH has storage unit to house all items built.
- Schnauffer update – Geneseo Brewing Company present
 - GBC is naming a brew after the Prairie Park Trail
 - Tapping date is scheduled for April 3rd (date is open to change)
 - All proceeds from sale of this trail brew goes to building/maintenance of the trail
 - So... DRINK MORE BEER!!
- New faces? – Welcome Jacob who recently moved here from Quincy, IL. He found out about FORC from checking the website for trail status and saw our monthly meeting posted on the home page. Welcome Jacob!
- Sterling, IL is getting 2 pump tracks per Fred. The City will maintain.
- Len/Amber moving to Colorado in April. They will be greatly missed!
 - Juicywipe will be taking over stewardship of Credit Island. Motioned by Paul; seconded by Kelley.
 - Still need someone to run the Fondo Fest.

Paul motioned to adjourn; seconded by Aaron M.