

## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 2, 2016**

**Number in Attendance: 24**

**Review and Approval of April Minutes:** Motion passed.

**Trail Reports:** (All closed)

**Illiniwek** – Closed.

**Westbrook** – Dave is building features on 206; might try to do group ride.

**Stephens** – Bill has been building a new section of trail; lots of switchbacks, etc. Go check out.

**Sunderbruch** – Closed; hung new sign “to all users”. Discussion that there is no sign at other entrance.

Sign would be nice, but harder to maintain. Wouldn’t need to be a sign that needed to be switched; maybe even do QR code to link to site.

**Scott County** – A lot of re-routes.

**Dorrance** – Working out there past couple of weeks; .4 miles trail cleared; about 1,000 feet of finished trail complete. Getting a lot finished up. Still will be a few months – end of year before close to finishing it off. Paul said the trail stuff at Dorrance is fully funded (\$6,000). A lot of this money is already designated to signage, bridges, etc.

### **Illiniwek Abermination Race - recap**

- Great weather and race; total count of 179 racers
- First race by committee with Mike C. as acting race director
- FORC made about \$3,500
- Iowa Mountain Bike series association paid for all of the junior racers, for all of the Iowa series
  - World of Wheels donated \$500 for payouts (excluding juniors)
  - A business said they would donate \$5,000; Iowa Series advertised this and when they went to collect the money, the business backed out
  - Go Fund Me page – about halfway there with \$2,500
  - FORC got \$620 back from junior race registrants
    - Would like to give half of this back to Iowa Series
    - Write check directly to Bruce Brown in the name of FORC to pay that forward (don’t have to pay the 5% if don’t go thru Go Fund Me)
  - We can definitely give back more at later events if need to
  - All were in favor to give \$310 back

### **Treasurer Report**

- Bought generator, easy ups, and tables
- Still cleared about \$2,000 for the month
- Expenses last month – last week submitted paperwork for 501(c) 3
  - Should know in a couple of weeks

## Miscellaneous

- July membership meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> is this first Monday
  - Can't have the following Monday as that is day after Sunderbruch race
  - Meeting switched to June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Monday prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>
  - May have it at Sunderbruch or remote location
- April Swap Meet
  - Thanks to everyone who came out
  - Thanks to the Browns for organizing the venue
    - They made about \$500 off of us with the beer sales
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fest - 2017
  - Need to come up with a date
  - Fred talked with REI about sponsorship – need info by August
  - Dave said they would get going on it this next month and get date set
  - Bobby also said Salsa needs to know about a year out; Specialized is more flexible
- FORC Side Thrill Ride (Sunderbruch Race)
  - Flyer proof is done; working on getting stuff finalized
  - Reassured we will have port-a-potties
    - Free due to Abermination mix up
- New members
- Geneseo Brewery ride
  - Prairie Park ride held on April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Drank about 24 gallons of beer – 193 pints sold!!!
    - Over half of that was Prairie Park (although all beers counted that day)
  - Will continue to do \$1 per pint for Prairie Park until gone
    - May continue after its gone
  - Passed the hat – got \$354
  - Thanks to Bobby and Healthy Habits for promoting the ride
- Vonda wants to put together group rides and looking for people to help/lead rides
  - Will pass around sign-up sheet to see who's interested
- Memorial Day weekend
  - Levis trails in Wisconsin
  - Fat bike race (2 laps) at Criterium on Memorial Day
- Problems with uploading events to FORC's Facebook page
  - Have to be admin to post
  - Drew thinks has it fixed now
- Bobby from Healthy discussed FORC having presence on Instagram to draw in younger crowd in addition to Facebook.
  - Can just have snippets posted with link to our website to draw them in and provide more details
- Fred and Amie attended Rockford Mountain Bike park meeting last week

- Will have pump tracks, ramps, etc.; IMBA rep was there
- Venue change discussion
  - The Browns talked about the Starting Line in Davenport again
  - Starting Line is willing to run special burger baskets and beer specials
  - Not much street parking, but ramp next door for \$0.75/hr.
  - Minimal bike parking out front, but bike rack inside ramp
  - Also mentioned if in a bar that doesn't serve food (such as Bent), can't have anyone under 21
  - Paul proposed a pre-meeting trial run to see how it goes
  - Browns would like to have our June meeting there
  - Seats 50 comfortably
- Discussion of vinyl on the trailer since we have funds
  - Possibly need larger trailer first
  - Talked about big FORC logos and possibly have bike shops post logos to actually pay for ours
- Squirrel said something about six inches and the crowd went wild!! :P On that note...

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.**