

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2016

Number in Attendance: 22

Review and Approval of May Minutes: Motion passed.

Trail Reports:

Illiniwek – crazy fast; trails are widening in places; not sure if due to flipping directions; everything trimmed

Westbrook – weed wacking out there right now

Stephens – open; go ride; new bridge to avoid the steep creek crossing; Vonda said small tree blocking the hospital entrance

Sunderbruch – fully weed wacked to superhighway status; everything good; a couple of new bridges; few greasy spots yesterday probably due to overgrowth

Scott County – The Browns finished weed-wacking; still some face slappers, but in great shape; Area 51 cleared too

Dorrance – not open yet; but getting close to having small section of first loop ready to try riding; 0.6 miles of trail in so far; about 200 hours in year to-date; by fall hopefully open and ready to ride

Credit Island – Juicy says it's open; a little weedy :P

FORC Side Thrill Ride – July 10th

- A few items to wrap up yet
 - Need trophies for Novice racers
 - Have all the medals already
 - Event permit and food vendor
- Volunteers
- Will camp the night before
 - Set up course first
- Possibly get LaFlama truck or Los Primos truck
 - Megan will help with this
 - Vonda has Jimmy's Snack Shack info

Treasurer Report

- \$10,400 in bank
- Good year so far
- Membership dues
 - Drive people to the website; makes it easier

501C3 Update

- It's final – we're approved!!

- We are now a tax-exempt non-profit
- People that donate cash/items of value – they can claim on their taxes
- Hopefully open the doors for larger donations
- We now have an EIN number – Vonda needs
 - Is on the website
- We are also exempt from paying sales tax
 - Drew set up account through Menards
 - If other places we buy materials from, should get a list going to get accounts set up
- We are also able to apply for grants now
 - Riverfront Authority grant

July Membership Meeting – June 27th

- Can't have July meeting due to the Holiday and upcoming race
- Having it the Monday before
- New location – Starting Line in Davenport
- Met there couple of weeks ago to discuss the 20th Anniversary to check it out
 - Serve food; burger baskets and beverage specials
- Minors are allowed
- Parking in the ramp (south); 0.75/hr
 - Free lot a block and half north (Brady and 4th)

Miscellaneous

- 20th Anniversary 2017 Festival
 - Fest date is August 4, 5 & 6, 2017
 - Scott County Park
 - Don't have official name yet
 - Need to let all the bike shops know
 - Have someone be the liaison between the bike shops (Bobby Parker)
 - Want to have the bike shops get the demo people/vendors
 - Bobby from HH said Specialized wants in, Salsa needs dates
 - No reason to keep it quiet now since we have dates
 - Similar to a Midwest mountain bike festival, but all about FORC
- Upcoming events
 - June 18th – Radish Fest at the Freight House
 - FORC has a booth
 - Time 8-3:00
 - Let Mandy know if have time to come down
 - This will be our first go around with the new displays
 - July 23rd - John Deere Night at the Ball Park (Health Fair)
 - 5 – 8:00 pm
 - Weekly group rides

- Vonda recruits different people
 - Neipert is hosting one this Wednesday at Sunderbruch
 - Posted on the Let's Ride forum
 - Thanks to Amy/Fred for doing skill clinics
 - Potentially August with their schedule for more
- Keith (Tigress) works night shift and wants to ride with everyone but can't
 - Any interest in Saturday night rides possibly at Sunderbruch, Stephens and Illiniwek
 - Not sure about night ride rules at Geneseo Prairie Park
- Prairie Park
 - Trying to maintain the loop that is there
 - Mowed and weed wacked
 - Somewhat of a struggle, but loop is still there
- Additional signs for Kickapoo Down to keep walkers from going up
 - Paul mentioned he and Mielke have talked about re-routing the tail end of Kickapoo Down so it's not the first trail up for walkers
 - Potential bigger signs to keep walkers out
- New faces
 - Lisa & Mike – here from Utah for the summer
 - They also helped out on trail day this week
 - Training with John Deere, potential to come back after summer
 - Ryan – moved to Davenport about a year ago
 - Some experience, but still pretty new
- Vonda – brought swag
- Thanks to HH for the first Faterium
- Enduro
 - Juicy and Ray will handle
 - Looking at September
- Happy Birthday Megan!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm