

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2016

**Number in Attendance: 32** (*inaugural meeting at The Starting Line*)

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

### Trail Reports:

**Illiniwek** – good; little rain over the weekend; dried out quick; dry and fast

**Westbrook** – built another drop over the weekend; two right in a row now; second one is even bigger than the first; trails are getting more use; getting packed in and better; worthwhile to head out

**Stephens** – open; everything's good; Bill continues to refine

**Sunderbruch** – good; just opened up a couple hours ago; Kings & Neipert out there busting ass and making improvements; working on Kickapoo Down with pavers where it kept eroding; still some face slappers; board will be fixed on Kickapoo Up

**Scott County** – great shape Saturday after the 3" of rain; still closed today, but maybe open tomorrow. Browns cleared a huge patch of poison ivy on Saturday

- Board approved funds to get signage out there as comments made that signage is fading
- Park is working on permanent signage for entry and trail head

**Dorrance** – about 0.9 miles built in last month; pretty heavy work; just finished first loop minus a few structures and a 30' bridge, etc. Drew will be out there Thursday night and Saturday morning; come out and lend a hand; probably not ready in time for the Enduro

**Geneseo** – mowing a lot of grass/weeds; no matter how wide mow, falls right back into the trail; lots of ticks, pollen and a skunk.

- Has some money from GBC – originally \$1 per pint; only drank 294 pints that day; he upped the donation to \$500, plus the pass the hat of \$364;
- Has check from B&B as well - \$146 (make up the difference for even \$1000)

### FORC Side Thrill Ride – July 10th

- Couple things to wrap up
- Have food vendor – Pete's Chicken shack; Paul got from wandering at Radish Fest
- Need volunteers; need to pass around volunteer list
  - Need bike patrol to run the tent – Dave Brown volunteered
  - Anna will handle the first aid; Fred/Amie won't be available
- On low key for FORC members only Saturday night
  - Set up course before libations start
  - Probably have group/night ride
- Do we want to call a trail day?
  - Paul/Bill willing to go out and get face slappers
  - Trail day Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00
- Port-a-potties will be there

### **Treasurer Report**

- About \$10,000 in cash
- Haven't closed out the month yet... few days left

### **Trail for Caleb**

- Radish Fest – lady approached us about building a trail for her son
- He has ADD, tourets, etc., etc.
- She wants trail in back yard for her son to walk
- About 100 yards of trail to get this done
- Need about 10-12 people there to knock out in about ½ day
  - A few switchbacks – more hiking trail specific
  - Need 24" wide so she can walk with him
- Drew will probably set up online, looking for volunteers, etc.
- She's willing to provide food/drinks for us to do
- She got quotes for \$5,000
- In East Moline near Glenview School
- More than enough volunteers during meeting
- Will let her know that FORC will do
- Probably around August on a Sunday
- Probably reach out to the QC Times and a news crew to come out and give a little publicity
- Once word gets out, if people start asking for trails we can have them submit requests and we can maybe select one a year

### **Miscellaneous**

- Radish Fest June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Sold some shirts; few memberships
  - If did again, just do a farmers market site
- Josh – organizes trail running group in the QC's
  - Group been around 3 years
  - Just did a run across Iowa
  - Check to present to FORC - \$500
  - Appreciate all we do
  - Loves our trails and great trail community
- Drew put together a google doc for an inventory list
  - List of tools, items per park
  - Trail stewards responsible to complete for their parks
  - Keep a tally of what we have
  - Also think about wish list type things that we would like to see
  - If have tools, let Drew or Paul know
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Dave will put post up on FB and FORC homepage
- Have a band? – can't have amplified music
  - Just completed event permit; may be able to add?
- More to come
- August 4-6<sup>th</sup> of 2017; mark your calendar
- Name contest?
- Group ride Wednesday at Illiniwek
- Tri-mountain bike from Dubuque – will have ride at Scott County and Sunderbruch
  - Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Oskar Blues Can Cruise for Nick Teddy Foundation
  - Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Enduro – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Vonda has some swag, but leaving soon; will be at the race Saturday afternoon

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm**