

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 31, 2017

Number in Attendance: 19

Review and Approval of June Minutes: (no July minutes) Motion passed.

Trail reports: Last minute help needed; trying to get all parks open this weekend for the Fest

Sunderbruch – couple of trees down that were taken care of today; could use weed wacking; Neipert said he can donate some time this week

Stephens – open with 3 trees down; Bill is going to cut out this week. Will be open Saturday

Scott County – good to go; bridges aren't pretty but they are solid (replaced boards, no rebuilding yet); rideable

Illiniwek – open with caution; big tree down on South down loop that is closed; trying to figure out how to remove it and not ruin structure. Will be cleared by the weekend; some trail repair from the rain.

Dorrance – good; no trees on the trail

Westbrook – open; log pile washed out – rebuilding

Treasurer Report

- Approximately \$15,500
- Made about \$900 at Forc Side Thrill Ride
 - Lower attendance
 - Didn't charge juniors

20th Anniversary 2017

- Coming up this weekend
- Dave – thanks to everyone for their help. Everything is getting done
- Swag bags were done this past weekend
- Mandy had a request if there was a schedule of events
 - Dave will get to Drew in PDF to post
- People that pay for registration will get an armband for beer
- Geneseo Brewing this time is donating a half barrel
 - Orange IPA – going to be called Free OJ
 - Scott the brewer likes to come serve and talk with people
- Jake is bringing keg from Great River on Friday night
- Good to have schedule for those that can't be there the entire weekend
- Ray can't find a polo set. Will do some rodeos; bunny hop; log and over; can play dodge tire, etc.

Miscellaneous

- Someone posted about Forc-N-Duro dates

- If someone wants to take this up and lead it – go ahead; otherwise we postpone for next year. Let's get past the Fest first.
- Still working at Dorrance
 - Not this week due to Fest, but probably next week
- Tool requests
 - Ray and Drew looking at battery powered hedge trimmer
 - Rented a hedge trimmer that was gas powered on pole, but real heavy
 - Drew found the same thing from Stihl that is battery powered and runs for 3 hours
 - Downside - \$600 with battery, etc.
 - Can we split one and use it at all parks when necessary
 - Maybe sell the old Trail/Yard Bosses to help raise money for this; get rid of things that we aren't using
 - Asking for another \$100 to cover this from original approval
 - Drew will print and bring inventory to next meeting – missing a lot of equipment
- Drew – RI County Forest Preserve; got email this afternoon and they identified FORC as a member they want to work with going forward
 - They want us involved – think because potentially rebuilding Loud Thunder
 - Want to get a couple of people together for upcoming meeting
 - Will take place the last week of August. The 22nd, 23rd, & 24th will work for Drew
 - Would like 10-12 people together to represent
 - Supposed to be an evening meeting; will send something out when we know date/time to get people to show up
 - Want comments/discussion from everyone
 - Official stance at Loud Thunder – we are in, but in comes down to segregation of horse and bike (don't want combined trail)
 - Ray said all existing trails are now about 8' wide
 - Jeff Kramer said something to Ray while working on Dorrance about opening LT again in a few years
 - Suggested taking maybe Martin Farm; maybe about 10 miles there
 - About ½ mile away from LT
 - Potential for cool shit there, but labor intensive
 - Maintenance is a concern – a lot of trail here, who can take care of it?
 - Need to make sure they understand they need someone that knows about mountain biking - not just someone that has ridden a few times
 - Rick should be part of it – he was one of the originals
 - We need a unified message

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm