

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2017

**Number in Attendance: 22**

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

### **Trail reports:**

**Sunderbruch** – good; leafy. Moved a lot of dirt this year; working on repairs. May have some ideas for extensions (maybe on LT). Would like to get some rock; city has been donating, so may not need to use funds. Talk to Drew about rock.

**Stephens** – open; leaves are starting to fall (a little slick)

**Scott County** – will need some wood; will figure out how much; otherwise, good. Member Mike may have some rough cut to donate from work; he will keep getting what he can to use for whatever parks.

**Illiniwek** – good – probably open in a few days. Looking at getting quite a bit of rock out there for features. Have a source up in Rock Falls to get free boulders, just have to get them here. Have some time to get some if want it; Drew has some places that can dump it until can use. Ray might have someone with a dump trailer. Trail Stewards – get with Drew on how much; we would have to load it.

**Dorrance** – looking good; up to 2 ½ miles of trail now. Just opened up second section of new loop – cool features, some rock piles and rock drops; just put a skinny up. Hopefully, get signage up this week. Almost finished...

**Westbrook** – 6.3 miles now

**Geneseo Prairie Park**- very well maintained; rode it the other day in the rain; good. Almost 3 miles of loopable trail. Had new FORC member reach out to Schnauffer about what he can do (works for the City of Geneseo).

**Credit Island** – open and muddy

**Sylvan Island** – great trail day; about 25 people showed up. Ray's been working with the City on when we can cross the bridge. Zach and Clutch bringing their boats helped get everybody over. Able to hand out maps and cut people loose to work. Ray/Kurt went over with bikes on Thursday night; had numerous logs to cross... but have somehow been taken care of now?? Previously were about 3-4 miles; only thing keeping us from that now is lower loop has a lot of junk covering yet. Will have another trail day this Friday (Veterans Day); construction crews will let us use the bridge this Friday because they will be working; they will be escorting people across. Need everyone to arrive timely to be escorted only once. Bring your bike – will be able to ride. April 8, 2018 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Stampede. Opening bridge moved back to December 6<sup>th</sup> now.

### **Treasurer Report**

- Trails stewards have an opportunity to think about what they need for the future
- This is a great time to talk about this – improving our trails, etc.
  - Get lists together for the Board
- Sitting at \$18,000 right now; it keeps going up

- If we put together a good plan, Vonda may be able to get Deere to match via a donation

### Miscellaneous

- Global Fat Bike Day
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Meeting at FSFH; rolling out at 11:00
  - Bobby posted up Facebook event
  - Check with Bobby to see if anyone can open FSFH earlier for us
  - Great River did supply some beers out at the pavilion last year... no plans for this year
- Chili Cookoff and Membership Drive
  - January 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Time from 3-11:00 pm
  - Will be at the Lodge
  - Bring bikes for a pre-Fondo ride
- Fondo Fest
  - January 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Will be getting more details out
  - We will have course marked as best as can
    - Not much of a course – directional
  - Remember it is an event, not a “race”
  - Will have registration online
- Nominations coming up
  - Please consider nominating someone that would like to participate
  - Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, Web Director, and Race Director available
  - If interested, let someone know and/or post up
  - Would love some new people
- Drew wants to have some political yard style signs to post up at the trails
  - In regards to freeze/thaw – mostly for walkers/hikers
  - They don’t look at where we post open/close, etc.
  - Maybe try to educate this way
  - Got quotes for about \$6/sign
  - Need about 30 total – stewards to let Drew know if want
  - Motion passed for Drew to spend needed money on the signs
- Fred Johnson
  - Wants to do a ride November 24<sup>th</sup> at noon in Rock Falls
  - Will also head to the pump track
  - Fred will post on “Let’s Ride” forum
- December’s meeting is the last meeting we have scheduled for Front Street Brewery
  - Dave/Carol Brown said the new Vans is the same as the old Starting Line

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**