

FORC Membership Meeting

March 1, 2021

Aaron called the meeting to order.

There was no Treasurer in attendance, so no Treasurer's report could be heard.

Trail Conditions:

Drew discussed upcoming maintenance at Illiniwek, plus new features to be built at Dorrance, including a teeter-totter. Illiniwek still has a snow base but, based on the weather forecast, not for long.

Brad was introduced to the Membership as the new Trail Steward at SCP. Brad briefly reviewed conditions at SCP for the Membership and discussed upcoming projects including boardwalk repair on Tarmac and finishing Area 51. Brad indicated there will be trail days posted on the web page as some projects will require more than a couple of people to complete.

One of the members asked about hanging signs across trail entrances to prevent trail damage during the spring thaw. Many pointed out people will just ignore them or even throw them into the woods and the idea was dropped.

Mandy updated the Membership with preparations for SIS and the Sunderbruch race. She noted many volunteers will be needed to support both races including (but not limited to) Course Marshals, setup, teardown. Mandy noted there will be two paramedics on hand during SIS.

Mandy noted Sugar Bottom is hosting a race on May 15th.

Aaron noted most fat bike destinations are closed or closing soon given the warming trend.

Aaron discussed the recent Duck Creek ride. Approximately 30 people participated in that ride, which is about twice as many as the last ride. Aaron noted not every winter presents the conditions to support the ride; there was no ride last year.

Member Brandon volunteered to set up a Sylvan Island foot race with all proceeds going to the pavilion project. He was looking for dates; Dave and Carol suggested April 17th, as the trails will still be well packed down from SIS. Brandon will contact Mandy for help getting the required permit and to cement the date. Brandon also noted the Bacon Beer race will be May 15th at Sunderbruch.

Aaron brought up the topic of away rides. He wants to set up monthly away rides and is looking for suggestions for destinations such as Sugar Bottom, Dubuque, etc. He has already planned a trip to Copper Harbor for the weekend of July 23-25. Members who subscribe to the "Let's Ride" forum will receive e mail notifications of upcoming events. Along that vein, a weekly/group ride coordinator is needed; members are encouraged to volunteer and help. The members discussed longer trip rides to such destinations as Bentonville on Memorial Day weekend, Madison, Carbondale Illinois and others. Members are encouraged to provide suggestions for these trips.

Aaron initiated the Open Discussion portion of the meeting. Dave and Carol asked for assistance in completing the pavilion on Sylvan Island. Manatt's has agreed to provide the concrete for the pad;

Aaron can get a skid loader which will be used to transport the wet concrete across the bridge and to the construction site.

Member Jacob Spath (sp?) volunteered to use Facebook and Instagram to enhance communications on FORCs activities. Interested parties can get his contact information from Aaron.

Aaron adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.