

RA-MORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 11/20/2013, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Cielito Lindo Restaurant
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Clark Jones, Bruce Swanson, Josh Eager, Lisa Lambrecht
Members Not Present: Blake Puhak
Guests Present: Michael Burton – JRPS Trails Manager
Purpose of Meeting: Regular board meeting - see attached agenda.

Greg called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Lisa made the announcement that Wood Thornton had resigned from the Board via an email directed to her (and copied to Greg) as per the regulations stated in the club Bylaws. [The effective date of his resignation is November 12, 2013.]

MICHAEL/JRPS NEWS

Volunteer Trail Work Efforts

Michael took the floor for the first part of the meeting to discuss JRPS news. Recent JRPS volunteer work days (which include Buttermilk rock work, Forest Hill re-routes and the Belle Island Skills Park) have seen a steady turnout, bringing out 76 volunteers who logged in 261 hours. Michael will be working with a small, dedicated team to finish the Forest Hill reroute this Saturday, November 23. The club will not be asking for additional volunteers to assist in FHP but instead is pushing for volunteers to move their efforts to the Scout Camp trail work day on November 23.

- Greg reiterated that we need to make sure volunteers are signing in for all work days and that any board members who show up for work days should take a moment to make sure all volunteers are signed in.
- Lisa inquired as to whether safety rules were being discussed prior to the commencement of trail work. If not, we need to make sure we review safety rules ahead of any work assignment and if the majority of the workers are seasoned workers, perhaps one of them could review safety rules with any new volunteers.

Michael added that volunteer hours are turned in to the City of Richmond.

The next section that may be worked on is a reroute for the mud hole section at Dogwood Dell. North Bank was also mentioned by several board members as needing some work.

No trail work will be held on the following dates: November 30, December 21, December 28, and January 4, 2014.

Chain Saw Classes. Scott Turner and Peter Girardi of True Timber have offered to hold a chain saw training and certification course for willing participants which could happen by the end of 2013, beginning of 2014. There was a discussion of whether we should charge a \$10 or \$20 fee for the class (as a donation to True Timber?) but the club may subsidize the fee if a regular volunteer wants to take the class whose certification would be used primarily for the benefit of the club. We need to first approach people we think might benefit from the class for our

purposes and then open the class up to anyone interested in getting certified. Class size may be limited to a designated amount of people.

- Dan Quesenberry at Pocahontas State Park can also set up a training class.
- Greg said he would also reach out to his Stihl connection regarding a class or regarding an equipment donation.

Belle Island Skills Park

The park is still working on the MOU for the skills park. RideKore (David Kern and Ryan Thompson) wants to collaborate on the maintenance of the skills park.

Ride Center

Michael feels that a substantial amount of focus should be put towards the greenway connection which would connect JRPS and Pocahontas. This is a critical link between the two parks. The pathway has already been identified in the City's master plan (the Reedy Creek and Pocosham greenways) and everything is already basically laid out. The creation of the Ride Center pushes this project to the forefront as this physical link would make the Ride Center concept even more cohesive. Chesterfield is working on a greenway plan on their end to link up with Richmond's. The issue comes down to funding.

Miscellaneous

The park is working on signage for the top of Belle Island.

CLARK/TRAIL CREW ITEMS

Clark has been researching tools that the club could use during both the winter and summer months (rogue hoes for the current season and sickle bars for the hot summer months to combat kudzu, etc.).

- Greg motioned to allocate \$700 in the budget for the purchase of hand tools that could be used in the current season (holding off on the sickle bars). The motion was passed.

Clark has also priced out trailers to tote club tools and equipment to and from various worksites. Pricing for a 6x12 or 6x14 trailer with ramp comes in around \$2,400-\$2,600.

- Discussion commenced about the purchase of a trailer at the present time and questions were brought up regarding the need for DMV registration and the issue of insurance liability when using the trailer. Greg suggested tabling the trailer discussion for 3-6 months. The possibility of another REI grant was discussed which could help fund the trailer. We would also want to budget funds (or have work performed on a pro bono basis) for adding graphics. Lisa has a possible contact for graphics work.

GREG/VARIOUS ITEMS

Pump Track

Greg discussed the urgent need for the pump track irrigation work to take place. This needs to get done ASAP. We have been quoted (by a reputable company) with an estimate of \$3,800 for the project, assuming no issues arise (the contractor is concerned about hitting rock). Michael has reached out to several other companies for additional quotes but has not received any responses despite repeated efforts.

- Bruce motioned to allocate \$4,000 to the irrigation project with the caveat that we hold funding for one month in order to try and reach out again to other potential contractors and if we don't get any response, then we hire the original contractor. In addition, if the

contractor who works on the project runs into problems, we will regroup and decide how to proceed. Michael does have a possible contact that may be able to assist if rock becomes an issue while digging. The motion was passed.

- Other possible revenue sources for this project include donations from Richmond Outside and RideKore.

Kiosk Signage

Greg discussed the trail maps that are to be added to the various JRPS kiosks. The club is responsible for paying for the design costs of the maps and JRPS is paying for the physical signs. 14-15 trail map signs are to be created. With the ultimate goal of linking Pocahontas State Park and JRPS, recent discussions have revolved around designing standardized, cohesive signs that would be used (and approved) by both parks, taking into consideration the needs and standards of both entities, in addition to adhering to IMBA standards, with the ultimate goal being to present a clear, concise map on every kiosk.

- Roger Sattler will be designing the maps and is asking for a down payment to begin work.
- Greg motioned to allocate \$1,500 to Roger so the work can commence and suggested that we seek out donors to fund the remaining costs. The motion was passed. Board members will be tasked with contacting various entities for donations to offset the remaining costs.

Trailicious 2

This fundraising event will take place on February 22, 2014 at the Carillon and will be combined with packet pick up for the Monster Cross race taking place on February 23. Food vendors will be present and Sierra Nevada beer will be available for purchase. In addition there will be raffles, videos and a guest speaker. Greg will be out of town for this event.

Board

Greg expressed the desire to build a board based on passionate individuals who can bring something to the table, work on projects and eventually move into leadership positions. Current board members are asked to think of possible candidates that might be a good fit and present them to the board.

The meeting adjourned around 9 p.m.