

RA-MORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 01/16/2014, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Clark Jones, Bruce Swanson, Josh Eager, Blake Puhak, Lisa Lambrecht
Guests Present: Michael Burton – JRPS Trails Manager
Purpose of Meeting: Regular board meeting - see attached agenda.

Greg called the meeting to order at 6pm.

MICHAEL/JRPS NEWS

RideKore

David Kern and Ryan Thompson had planned on attending the board meeting but were ultimately unable to make it, however, Michael reiterated from the last board meeting that they are still interested in maintaining the Belle Island skills park and also want to put together some programs for kids. Greg and Josh are planning on scheduling a meeting with RideKore to discuss their agenda. Greg would like to create/offer a program to the kids in his church with the intent to eventually branch out to other churches in the area.

Volunteer Trail Work Efforts

Due to the amount of rain we have experienced over the past several weeks, trail work days have been sparse. The next scheduled work day is at the Scout Camp on January 18. Michael and Nathan will be out of pocket on January 25 and February 1, however, Clark may organize volunteers on those two Saturdays to address various mud hole issues throughout the trail system.

Regularly scheduled trail work should commence on February 8, the plan being to work on the reroute in Forest Hill Park. Future projects include addressing the Dogwood Dell mud hole and re-armoring Bill's Hill.

Michael will be working on a re-route on the top of Belle Island near the top of the quarry with a cycling group from VCU on February 15.

Chain Saw Classes. Peter Girardi from True Timber is ready for the club to schedule a date for the basic 3 hour chain saw class that they are offering. The class will not provide attendants with certification to work in the park but attendees will receive some sort of documentation indicating that they participated in the class. The class is a good basic introduction to proper chain saw usage and safety. It will be held at Gillies Creek Park which has a number of downed trees that need attention and will consist of about an hour of instruction and 2 hours of cutting. Michael chose February 22 as the date of the class. Class time will run from 9a.m. – 12p.m. Michael will be in touch with Peter with a list of participants.

Michael will also circle back with Dan Quesenberry and Joe (?) regarding the Sawyer chain saw class offered at Pocahontas which does provide certification after successful completion of the class.

Reedy Creek Bridge

There have been discussions about the longevity of the Reedy Creek Bridge which crosses Reedy Creek at the trail head closest to Forest Hill Avenue and Crossroads Coffee and Ice Cream. Heavy rains and flooding of Reedy Creek have shifted the bridge from its original location and the need has arisen for a more permanent bridge that will be able to withstand extreme weather conditions. Michael spoke with and received an estimate for a replacement modular, fiberglass bridge which would span 60' long and 5' wide. The estimate was \$40,000. Greg suggested launching a Kickstarter campaign to raise the funds for the bridge.

Prior to initiating fundraising efforts, the board discussed getting additional estimates, as well as an engineering consultation and the requirements for city permits. Michael will research and keep us informed.

Map Signage

Map signage is underway. The City is also working on a unified signage project for other city parks/trails and Roger Sattler has met with them and has incorporated some of their design elements with his to mimic some uniformity. Roger received a \$1,000 donation from Friends of James River Park to allocate towards the kiosk map signage which leaves us with a balance needed of \$1,500 to finish the project. Clark will approach 3Sports, Josh will approach Pedal Power, Bruce will approach Coqui and Greg will approach Contes about donating the remainder of the money to fund the project. For a \$250 donation, the shop can get their name added to the signage.

New Friends Group

Enrichmond Foundation has created Friends of Richmond Trails group (which includes trails in the City of Richmond) of which Michael is serving as President. They are planning on launching a KickStarter campaign to fund the replacement of a small bridge in Powhite Park.

Donations

The club is expecting a check for \$1,000 from Mark Guzzi of Richmond Road Runners. This donation is to be earmarked for downtown trails.

Coming Soon

Look for bike repair stands and water fountains to be installed at several locations around the park. Funding for these improvement have come from RiverCity Outfitters, JROC, a grant from Bank of America and other individuals.

Belle Island Skills Park Irrigation

Michael has spoken with his contact Zeke who has placed a call to Dominion regarding the trench that needs to be dug. Michael did speak with another contractor but they have yet to produce an estimate. Stay tuned.

IMBA Trail Care Crew Visit – March 27–31, 2014

Pocahontas will get a visit from the IMBA TCC March 27-31, 2014. The club's core trail volunteers, along with Hanover, Henrico and Powhatan land managers should be invited to attend and participate in the weekend.

CLARK/TRAIL CREW ITEMS

Clark is holding off on making any tool purchases until he can connect with Joel Webber (Pocahontas) so they can make a group tool purchase.

GREG/VARIOUS ITEMS

Trailicious 2

Trailicious is coming up on February 22. Brandy Adams has taken the lead on this event. Greg will be out of town on the 22nd, but has asked Clark to contact Brandy to see if she needs additional support/assistance from the club. Brandon Montijo is producing a video to be shown at Trailicious which will answer questions about the Ride Center.

Pocahontas Ride Center Logo

The logo has been approved and a website to support the ride center is on the horizon. A new website for the center is up and running: <http://rvaridecenter.com>

Henrico County

The club is working on an MOU for Henrico County which would address some trail changes in Deep Run Park. Lisa is proofing the MOU and will forward it to Greg.

Bell Helmet Grant – Pocahontas Park

Bell Helmets is offering a \$33,000 grant to assist with funding specific trail projects. Greg will work on the grant which would be used to build a flow trail at Pocahontas. The application is due by February 28.

Scout Camp Signage

Greg approved \$180 for signage to be put up at the Scout Camp addressing areas where vehicles and riders intersect.

5 Year Plan

We need to start thinking about the long term plan for the club which also involves bringing on new board members.

Banff Film Festival

Bruce will assist Margaret with the film festival which is put on by Chesterfield Parks and Rec.

Greg To Do List

- Reach out to a potential new board member
- Send out donation email to bike shop
- Contact land managers from Henrico, Hanover and Chesterfield re: IMBA TCC visit

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m.
Minutes approved by Greg Rollins 1/18/2014.