

rvaMORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 9/15/15, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Clark Jones, Bruce Swanson, Josh Eager, Blake Puhak, Lisa Lambrecht, Mike Taliaferro, Marjolein De Wit, Brandon Montijo, Roger Sattler
Members Absent: Mark Lindsey
Guests Present: Michael Burton – JRPS Trails Manager
Marjolein's dog

Purpose of Meeting: Regular board meeting - see attached agenda.

Greg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New board members, Marjolein De Wit and Brandon Montijo were announced and welcomed to the board. Marjolein's anticipated role on the board is to serve as a liaison between the club and surrounding communities so we can be kept informed about the goings on around us. Brandon has been providing the club with first class video footage/short films for the past several years now which have really amplified our efforts in the community (and on YouTube). We are honored and fortunate to have them sitting at the table with us.

BRUCE/FINANCIALS

Bruce reported that our current cash on hand is approximately \$ 14,805.

As mentioned previously, Bruce intends on transitioning our current spreadsheet accounting system to QuickBooks this fall so we can start 2016 with a more contemporary financial structure. This will also hopefully make the accounting duties more easily transferrable should Bruce decide to step down from the board.

MICHAEL/JRPS NEWS

Belle Island Pump Track

The small pump track on Belle has been moved from under the bridge and has been rebuilt. Maintenance on the track should be done at least once a month to keep it in prime shape. The club and park system are looking any individuals or clubs experienced in maintaining this type of structure to head up this continuous maintenance effort.

Belle Island Progressive Bike Ramps

The park system is on board with funding a large portion of the funds needed to install a good set of progressive bike ramps in the area under the bridge where the small pump track was originally constructed. A conceptual plan is currently being worked on and the work is slated to begin this fall/winter. These would be beginner friendly ramps. This is a really exciting development for the skills area and we can't wait to see this come together. rvaMORE is not being asked to fund any of the costs for this project at this time.

Belle Island Southside Bridge

You may have noticed some new 2x12's running perpendicular to the existing 2x4 tread on the south side bridge of Belle Island. This is a temporary/long-term repair to the bridge which will eventually need a complete replacement of the existing 2x4's.

Trail Work

Some areas that will be getting some attention this fall include:

- Ancarrow's East (Poop Loop) – address the mud hole issues
- Maymont Ramp
- Buttermilk – various items
- Alternative route from the slave trail to go around Ancarrow's Landing

Signage

- Kiosks have been erected in Powhite Park. Maps are completed and ready to be hung.
- Eagle Scouts are building a kiosk at Ancarrow's East this month.

CLARK

Trail Work Schedule for the Fall

- The JRPS trail work schedule is TBD but will be out soon.
- Trail work at PSP usually occurs on Sunday so this won't interfere with JRPS work. The schedule at PSP is TBD.
- We will be working in some trail days at Deep Run Park as well.

Bell Built Trail @ Pocahontas State Park

The new trails at PSP have opened to rave reviews however, it hasn't been without certain challenges which need to be addressed. The current signage indicates the trail is a "green" rated trail. The signage will be updated to a "blue" trail. Certain areas need to be re-sculpted and "mellowed" out. There was also some discussion about adding small marking flags at the top of some of the rollers/jumps to indicate that riders should take caution upon approach.

SK Repairs and Maintenance

The SK will be needing repairs soon due to possible carburetor problems. While the heavy equipment has been a real work horse for the trail building crew, it's not without routine maintenance and associated fees, something which we will need to budget for in the fiscal plan.

Trail Class

The first trail building class is scheduled to occur on October 24th. We hope to offer a spring class as well.

JOSH

5 Year Plan

Josh is working on a presentation of our 5 year plan which is almost complete. He will sit down with Roger to work on some graphics and put together a pitch book to be presented to the public and potential donors at a later date.

GREG

MTB Project

If you're not familiar with the MTB Project app, check it out. Many of the city trails are on there as well as some trails at Pocahontas State Park. This is particularly helpful to out of town guests who don't know their way around our many trail systems.

RTP Grant

Greg applied for a Recreational Trails Program grant with the help of our IMBA representative, Anthony Duncan. This is a \$176K grant administered through the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The caveat is that this grant is a matching reimbursement grant with the awarded organization needing to incur costs while seeking periodic reimbursement after providing proof of expenditures and payment. Greg has approached some local banks about obtaining a line of credit should we be awarded the grant. Some ideas for use of the grant are to build an additional 7 miles of new singletrack at Pocahontas and potentially working on building/improving the trailhead facility at PSP. The decision on the grant should be made in September.

Trailicious 4

The club is getting ready to gear up for T4 in early 2016!

Date TBD.

Board and Club Meetings

This past year, we alternated between having monthly board meetings* and monthly socials. The attendance at many of the socials has been a bit low so we're switching to the following schedule for 2015/16:

September – Tour de Fall Line and board meeting
October – board meeting
November – board meeting
December – social/winter party @ Hardywood (public)
January – board meeting
February – Trailicious (public event)
March – board meeting
April – board meeting
May – board meeting
June – social (public)
July – summer break
August – summer break

*If you are interested in sitting in on a board meeting, please let us know (email us at info@rvamore.org) and we will give you the what/when/where of the next meeting along with the secret handshake. Meetings typically last from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Additionally, if you have any questions about anything we do, please email us. We're happy to answer your questions.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 p.m.