

## rvaMORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 5/20/2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center  
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Bruce Swanson, Josh Eager, Blake Puhak, Lisa Lambrecht, Mike Taliaferro, Mark Lindsey  
Members Absent: Clark Jones, Roger Sattler  
Guests Present: Michael Burton – JRPS Trails Manager  
Purpose of Meeting: Regular board meeting - see attached agenda.

Greg called the meeting to order.

### **BRUCE/FINANCIALS**

Bruce reported that our current cash on hand is approximately \$4,500. The club has had some big ticket purchases of late (e.g., the trailer) but we have a solid inventory of tools and equipment which should keep us productive on the trail building/maintenance front for awhile. We will need to budget maintenance costs to keep things running in top shape.

Bruce spoke about moving the current system of treasury accounting to a more advanced software program, which would be capable of not only forecasting and preparing future budgets but would also be in a format that could easily be transferred to any succeeding Treasurers. Bruce is going to sit down with Josh and Michael T. to discuss accounting software options.

### **MICHAEL/JRPS NEWS**

#### Pump Track(s)

July is slated as the month to move the small skills park out from under the bridge on Belle Island. The dirt that was used for the Burm Burners competition at Dominion Riverrock was donated to the park and will be used in the skills area. Michael B. will be working with the RideKore guys on the big pump track as well.

#### Trail Work

Michael B. will be working with a group from Dominion on June 11 to repair Buttermilk trail just east of the Buttermilk Spring where a pipe broke and the trail has experience some significant ruts and erosion.

Work is also planned to repair the ledges to the first creek crossing on Buttermilk.

It is on the agenda to complete the BM east project which could bring complete the extension to the tower behind the SunTrust building.

#### Miscellaneous

Pruning! It's the time of year that the park staff is focusing its efforts on pruning all of the service roads and trails in the city.

North Bank easement project is being discussed. This could be an exciting addition to the trail system. More on this exciting development as plans develop.

### Access to Funds

Michael Burton discussed the desire to simplify the process of accessing available rvaMORE funds that have been donated specifically for the trails. Currently, if the park system has a project that requires outside funds, Michael B. presents the funding request to the board and has to wait until the request can be voted on by the board members.

**Motion:** Any funds that are donated to the club and are designated specifically for the trails will go into a separate line item on our accounting spreadsheet. Greg, as President, can approve up to \$1,000 of available funds in the "JRPS Slush" fund, at the request of Michael Burton, without board approval. Anything over that amount will require a board vote. All approved.

### Gillies Dirt Jumps

Kitt West is building dirt jumps out at Gillies Creek Park. The club was approached by the park system and asked if we would support the building of the dirt jumps by providing the liability insurance to cover the construction only of the jump park. This would require adding an addendum to our Memorandum of Understanding with the city to include this work.

**Motion:** A motion was put before the board to utilize the club's liability insurance to cover the construction/workdays at the Gillies jump park. All approved and Greg is to sign off on the Addendum to the MOU once prepared.

**GREG**

### Pocahontas Trail Report

The Bell Built trail and Gateway I trails are open! Gateway 2 is still under construction. Ed Sutton from Trail Dynamics along with his team (and our very own Clark) is slated to finish the trail by June 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the deadline to submit the application to IMBA for Ride Center designation status. Determination for Ride Center status should happen by September. The cost for building 23,000 linear feet of trail is \$95K. The club has contributed \$8K from various donors.

While some of the new trails are open, there is active logging currently on site so it is asked that riders avoid the area until the logging is complete.

### Communication

The club has been working to address the comments and concerns that were raised in the responses to the survey that the club sent out to members last fall. We continue to increase our efforts of providing transparency to members and the community through social media campaigns, our new Q&A series and through email blasts. Josh along with Greg is working on our 5 year plan presentation and we expect to have a first draft ready by September. In the interim, the club will prepare a presentation and have a round table discussion about club news and current events at the next Hardywood social on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Dominion Riverrock

Riverrock was a good success this year with a lot of traffic at the club's booth. While we put out an impressive display of our equipment and tools, the consensus is that we need to simplify things for next year and maybe only display one piece of heavy equipment and a few tools. Less clutter is the idea. We also fell short on selling the Giant raffle tickets. Chad Daly has offered to take on the challenge of organizing the club's Riverrock booth next year. A big thanks

to Clark for setting up our awesome display of tools and equipment and for all the board and club members who volunteered their time at the booth.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 p.m.