

SMBA Board Meeting January, 13, 2016 at The Mill, Round Lake

DRAFT MINUTES (last rev 1/26/16)

Meeting start 6:15

Attendance:

Theresa Cromback, Chris Cavanaugh, Chris Morris, Drue Roginski, Ian Bonesteel, Jason Anderson, Erik Rodriguez, Owen Dougherty, Art Picard, Greg Haworth, Josh Haugh

1. Introductions - Greg and Erik
2. Vote in Erik as treasure - TC nominates, CM seconded, all in favor, none opposed.
  - a. **Erik is 2016 treasurer and will work with Rob P. (former treasurer) to get up to speed.**
3. Trail Director Updates:
  - a. Daniels Road SF updates (OD and AP):
    - i. Parking lot complete, 20 plus cars, wider road.
    - ii. Gates closed until spring at least (pending settlement on easement with Skidmore)
    - iii. Hopefully a kiosk by the state.
    - iv. New trail discussion -
      1. **Trail directors will map with GPS so we can discuss with Rick McDermott.**
    - v. Rick made it clear in recent correspondence that there can be no new trail construction until UMP, after which proposed trails must go thru the DEC's approval process.
      1. **AND ANY UNAPPROVED TRAIL BUILDING WILL RESULT IN SMBA LOSING OUR STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT**
  - b. Pittstown SF - CC
    - i. Will start grooming for fat biking when enough snow. DEC on board with this.
    - ii. Logging supposed to start last fall, now next spring (2016).
  - c. Poestenkill Community Forest - IB/JA
    - i. Got tools from Rogue Hoe. More on list to purchase in prep for spring/ trail building.
    - ii. Have a place to store the tools near property.
    - iii. RPA plans to flag some trails so winter trail users can use CF when enough snow.
    - iv. Trail markers for RPA CF a possible donation opportunity for local business. SMBA could facilitate.
    - v. CF Skills park - RPA applied for grant to fund infrastructure for pump track.

1. CC question for board: Does SMBA want to become involved with pump track?
  - a. Board discussion: Liability a big concern, need to be cautious with what and how we present ideas/plans to RPA for pump track. CC will present these concerns with RPA at next RPA trail committee meeting. General consensus is to try to find a way to help.
- d. Thacher SP - CM
  - i. Skills park in master plan for Thacher. First bid went out but was not successful. Second bid package was successful. Hopefully moving dirt in the spring.
4. Update on MTB Festival @ Grafton in June - CC and subcommittee
  - a. Last two years Pitts-Grafton Epic started at PSF. SF limitations - fees, collections, donations, etc. These challenges are avoided at State Parks so a subcommittee is looking at starting event in GSP this year so that it can be expanded.
  - b. Tentative date is June 11. SP ok with that.
  - c. Demos possible
    - i. **TC and IA will reach out soon to their brand contacts for demos.**
  - d. Tomhannock already committed to helping.
  - e. Subcommittee will meet again soon and set date.
  - f. Next subcommittee meeting will decide how to do fundraiser.
  - g. Nat'l Mountain Bike Day and IMBA's TAKMTBD is also June 11 this year.
  - h. There will be a waiver for everyone to sign including members
  - i. SMBA members will probably have discount.
  - j. Pre registration option being considered.
5. Website update - JH
  - a. Send JH any content for website
    - i. Specialized Grant page
    - ii. CF/RPA/visions page
    - iii. **Trail hub - possible option for website - JH will look into**
  - b. **Send JH winter photos on SMBA trails if you have any.**
6. ADK Park Agency State Land Master Plan Amendments - CM etc.
  - a. as amendment to the existing management plan old utility roads in primitive areas can be designated as either primitive recreational trails (type 3b, meaning can go in with equipment for repairs/maintenance) or bicycle trails (type 3a , meaning not maintained using motor vehicles). The decision will not affect designation of these roads, just affects maintenance. If harder to maintain, it will get maintained less. CM leaning toward 3b. Board discussion and general agreement.
  - b. Have until Jan 29 to submit.
  - c. **SMBA will submit a comment. CM will draft and send around to board for review.**

- d. **Anyone with comments/opinions or wants to write SMBA's position, contact CM**
- 7. Grafton FatBike Ride - CM
  - a. Held during Grafton Winterfest this Jan 23 @ 10am
  - b. SMBA will have table/booth, as manageable, based on participation - contact CC to assist
- 8. ADK Sport and Fitness Expo
  - a. Board agrees to do it again. Will set up coverage schedule when confirmed.
  - b. March 5-6. set up March 3 pm.
  - c. **CM will confirm with ADK**
- 9. Update on maps, stickers for 2016 - TC
  - a. TC wants to do double sided with DRSF and PSF again but fit in advertisers
  - b. **IA/TC will form subgroup to work on new large format map**
  - c. **Need maps finished and printed and in hand by ADK Expo so if revisions are not completed in next month or so will need to run with old map again.**
- 10. Discuss membership for 2016
  - a. Membership sales opens March 1?
  - b. Same pricing? discussion but no decision
  - c. Discussion about using Paypal vs BikeReg or SMBA eating fees.
    - i. **CM will look into Paypal more or delegate this**
  - d. Amazon Smile?
  - e. We should have 2016 membership ready to roll out by the ADK Expo online and in paper. If papypal is not used, we will go with BikeReg again in 2016 but will vote on incurring the \$3 fee ourselves, rather than having members pay it.
- 11. Event schedule for 2016
  - a. CC sent preliminary schedule to board electronically
    - i. **if you are leading or assisting with an event, please confirm or firm up date before next meeting**
  - b. **JH will post firm event dates on website**
- 12. Planning for skills clinics at Community Forest
  - a. close out Specialized Grant?
  - b. Specialized Grant so far has funded
    - i. 3 Trail building workshops,
    - ii. bought tools,
    - iii. new trails cut,
    - iv. skills clinics (on hold, but will use grant money),
- 13. **Instagram - TC will set up an account for SMBA**
- 14. Grant searching - board members encouraged to seek grants SMBA could apply for.
- 15. **Corinth trails - TC will reach out to them - Earl will assist with attending meetings etc**
- 16. Tomhannock trails - CC
  - a. Tomhannock is serious about developing trail network on their property
  - b. eventually hosting events and races

- c. does SMBA want to get officially involved?
  - i. board discussion - generally in favor, but weigh out our other efforts
- 17. Schedule next meeting
  - a. discussion about a focused web-based meeting next time (a few weeks before ADK Expo) would be worthwhile
    - i. **Erik R. may have tools to facilitate this**
  - b. **Follow up on action items by then**

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm