

rvaMORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 11/18/15, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Clark Jones, Bruce Swanson, Josh Eager, Blake Puhak, Lisa Lambrecht, Brandon Montijo, Roger Sattler, Mark Lindsey, Marjolein De Wit
Members Absent: Josh Eager, Mike Taliaferro
Guests Present: Michael Burton – JRPS Trails Manager
Chad Dally
Blake's dog, Jocelyn

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

Greg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed our guest, Chad Dally. Chad reached out to Greg and requested that he attend a board meeting to see how the club ticks. Chad has lived in Richmond for 4 years and is active in the cycling community. He has past experience with festival planning and promotion, has worked with various charities and has fostered relationships with city officials. He is interested in helping to foster relationships between the city and mountain biking community and to bridge the gaps with various user groups. Thanks Chad for showing interest in the club and for providing the board members with pizza and beverages!

BRUCE/FINANCIALS

Bruce reported that our current available funds is approximately \$ 12,500.

MICHAEL BURTON/JRPS NEWS

Belle Island Pump Track

Michael proposed setting aside the first Saturday of each month to work at the pump track with the first work day being scheduled for December 5th. We'll send out a trail work email blast about the work day.

Belle Island Progressive Bike Ramps

Reps from Progressive Bike Ramps visited Belle Island last week to assess the skills area where the ramps would ultimately be installed. They are slated to provide a recommendation and conceptual plan in the next month. We will reach out to the community with the design idea and ask for input. We are really excited about this project and can't wait to see what they come up with.

JRPS Trail Work

A long term schedule for trail work days is still be ironed out, but the following dates are currently penciled in the calendar:

11/28 – If there is enough interest, Clark will head up a trail work day in JRPS (TBD)

12/5 – Big pump trail maintenance

12/12 – Dogwood Dell dips - rework**

12/19 – Dogwood Dell dips (2nd work day if needed; otherwise finish up work on repairing BM ledges (before the third creek crossing if heading westbound)).

It was mentioned in earlier meeting minutes that the dirt that was used to build the burn burner course during RiverRock was donated to the park for their use. The park is using this material to repair/rework the Dogwood Dell dips. Great example of recycling!

Directional Trails.

Last month we mentioned the possibility of making the Poop Loop and Dogwood Dell directional. These "loop" trails are good areas where the directional idea can be implemented. We will be communicating with the community about the reasons for changing to a directional system and ask for input and suggestions.

Poop Shoot is OPEN!

The new access trail connecting riders to the Poop Loop has been completed and cyclists have their own dedicated trail beginning at the entrance to the Slave Trail under the I95 bridge. The park service requests that cyclists refrain from riding on the Slave Trail to get to the Poop Loop. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SLAVE TRAIL WILL BE RETURNING TO FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY. **Regardless of whether the Poop Shoot is designated for a certain user group (cyclists), riders should always be aware that hikers and foot traffic in general can lurk behind any corner, no matter how a trail is designated. Be aware of your surroundings and always assume the unexpected!**

CLARK

SK Repair

Great news! The SK is out of the shop and ready to roll. Welcome back!

Pocahontas State Park Trail Work Days

Saturday, November 21 - Eagle Scout reroute project. They will be working on a reroute at the end of Lakeview III before it connects back to the exit.

Saturday, December 5th - Altria volunteers project. They will be working on a technical trail feature on the Blueberry Trail. Exciting stuff!

ROGER

5 Year Plan

Roger is working diligently to compile our 5 year plan data into a unique and informative format and hopes to present his work to the board by the middle of December. After the board has a chance to review and offer feedback, we'll be ready to present it to the public.

Trailicious 4

We are excited to announce that T4 will take place at Hardywood Brewery on **Saturday, March 19, 2016!** While this event has historically coincided with the Monstercross, we had to switch things up this year and move the event to March. For those of you unfamiliar with Trailicious, it is an annual fundraising event organized by the club. Proceeds are used to continue to fund our mission – enhancing trails through people, tools and advocacy. We will be changing some things up this year to better the experience, but the basics will still be there – music, raffles, friends and beer!

GREG

RTP Grant Update

Unfortunately, we were not awarded a grant from the Recreational Trials Program. The grant money was going to be used to make additional improvements to the trails and user experience at Pocahontas State Park. There were three specific reasons that the grant was not approved, all of which we plan to address so we can reapply in April/May 2016.

Deep Run Park Trail Work

Thanks to everyone who attended the Deep Run trail work day last Saturday. A 144' boardwalk was built which is quite the accomplishment. Four bridges and one more additional boardwalk need to be erected along with a small re-route. Trail work will continue in Deep Run this Saturday, November 21.

October Trail Building Class

The club held a successful trail building class on Saturday, October 24th. There were 15 participants who took the class which involved some classroom training from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and then field implementation of the classroom knowledge (Forest Hill Park – in the grassy area down the slope from the playground). Feedback from the participants was positive and we currently plan on hosting two trail building classes per year as an ongoing educational effort. Thanks so much to those who participated in the class!

Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

We ran out of time to talk about this event at the board meeting, but we wanted to give a shout out to the guys from RVA Racing and Friends of Pocahontas State Park for hosting this year's Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. The original event was going to be held in two locations – on Belle Island and at PSP, however, both events were cancelled due to heavy rain. The PSP event was rescheduled for October 22nd and 26 kids were able to participate. Thanks to everyone who made this happen!

Board and Club Meetings

This past year, we alternated between having monthly board meetings* and monthly socials. The attendance at many of the socials was 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 15th – social/winter party @ Hardywood (public) 6pm – 8pm

January – board meeting

February – board meeting

March 19th – Trailicious 4 (public)

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. (except this last one where I

thought we'd have to brew a pot of coffee and pull an all-nighter). Additionally, if you have any questions about anything we do, please email us. We're happy to answer your questions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20ish p.m.