



## rvaMORE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 2/15/17, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center  
Members Present: Greg Rollins, Travis Guilbeau, Roger Sattler, Brandon Montijo, Marysa Burchett, Will McQuate, Kendall Ryan, Ann Gongora, and Jill Williams  
Members Absent: Marjolein De Wit, Clark Jones, Josh Eager, Mike Taliaferro, Ross Moorefield, and Kitt West  
Guests Present: Michael Burton (JRPS Trails Manager)  
Purpose of Meeting: Regular board meeting - see attached agenda.

Greg called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Greg began the meeting by telling everyone that Marjolein de Wit would be resigning due to personal commitments that are dominating her time. The board was sad to hear the news, because Marjolein is an amazing advocate for our trails and a huge force that will be sorely missed at our meetings contributing to the organization. She has spent so much time being a community liaison and connecting to local community associations. We wish her all the best and will miss her!

With several members absent, the Board dove right into the agenda.

### TRAVIS/FINANCIALS AND INSURANCE

#### Financials

Travis, the treasurer, began with the overall budget. The organization currently has approximately \$13,400 of available funds after the following expenses have been paid.

rvaMORE's current and near future projects are as follows: \$500 for IMBA chapter dues; \$600 for the comprehensive insurance; \$1,200 for liability; \$1,000 for small hand tools, \$1,000 for maintenance for the heavy machinery; \$400 for the website and domain fees; \$100 for the annual Dropbox fee; \$1,000 for sales and marketing; \$2,000 for the Riverrock event; and \$1,000 for Tour de Fall Line.

rvaMORE has received the 40% quarterly split from IMBA with our member dues of \$1,200. The organization has also decided to use the Scott Scudamore Award money of \$1,000 for a plate compactor.

With the new site being launched, rvaMORE is to bring inventory of clothes and other such paraphernalia that people may purchase to support the trails. Roger Sattler wants to add to the inventory and will present at the next meeting a list of what we would be looking at for items and cost.



In addition to our site, a few members are working on a chart/diagram that will show the spending costs. They anticipate the display to show the categories of the expenses for the entire group and hope to show such expenditures publicly.

## **MICHAEL BURTON/FORUM AND TRAIL UPDATES**

### **Forum**

Michael Burton briefed the board members on the turn out of the first Trail Forum. There were 148 people that physically signed in for the forum. This number does not reflect the amount of people that watched via the Facebook live stream. Overall the feedback was positive and the event was well received.

### **Trails**

Next, Burton told the board about the Gillies improvements with the fence being installed and the kiosk to come from Groundwork RVA. After that, the work for building and layout of the beginner and intermediate trail can begin.

Burton, then told us of some illegal trail use occurring at Powhite Park. He stated there are approximately 5 long lines that descend from the top to the bottom of the hill that cross the already existing trail. These areas are suffering from severe erosion and have been deemed as a safety issue. The lines are forcing the ground to ecologically erode, which will cost the City a great amount of resource to fix. The City Parks and Recreation are planning to close these lines so that they can begin to repair the damage.

### **Trail Workdays**

February 18: Pocahontas

February 25: Belle Isle Skills Park

March 4: Bell Joy and Liv trail building at Poop Loop

March 4: Powhite

### **Deep Run**

rvaMORE is anticipating more work to be done at Deep Run with the Boy Scouts and look forward to having some more hands helping on the trails.

## **COMMITTEES UPDATES**

### **Trails**

Will McQuate states that he is going to inventory all of the tools rvaMORE has and at the next Trail Committee meeting on March 5, the committee will discuss what small hand tools are needing to be purchased.

### **Events**

The Events Committee filled the Board on the following future events. Banff Film Festival is to occur on March 9 – 11. rvaMORE is having a table at the event and is need of volunteers. Riverrock is May 19-21 and the organization will have a tent and table everyday – also in need



of volunteers for these days. The Event Committee also stated that the date for the next Tour de Fall Line is to be September 16, 2017.

### **Grants**

rvaMORE is applying for an REI grant in hopes of purchasing a canycom and a bike repair station for Gillies. The Grants Committee is to be meeting in the next two weeks as to apply for the REI grant that is due next month.

### **Rides**

The Rides Committee has decided to have a ride the first Thursday of every month starting in April starting at 6pm. Kendell Ryan of the committee stated that it would be easier for people to start at the same place every week with the same route until the ride builds in attendance. The committee is also trying to figure out a waiver process that may be easier so that we do not need to have the hard copy of signing in. They will be researching this more and discuss at their next meeting.

### **Website**

A rvaMORE member, Chris Bohle, has helped our Board set up and execute the new website. We can't thank him enough for all his hard work and dedication in helping our organization with this feat. Roger Sattler of the committee stated that we have improved on what we had. The progress is coming along nicely and since we had the framework already there, we just had to improve on it.

### **Bylaws**

The Committee needs one more vote from the members of the Board to allow the Bylaws to be complete and agreed upon.

### **Insurance**

The Committee's main concern is covering all the heavy equipment under a comprehensive plan. They want to cover the Mini X first and then the Dozer second to ensure the longevity and protection.

### **Miscellaneous**

rvaMORE would like to have the next meeting be a social ride around JRPS on March 25. Clean up on Forest Hill Park has commenced with the trees that had red paint sprayed on them. The Parks Department is repainting and would like people to use flour or chalk instead of using spray paint.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

\*If you are interested in sitting in on a board meeting, please let us know (email us at [info@rvamore.org](mailto: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.