

Chippewa Off Road Bike Association

Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2016

7:00 pm

Fantastic Sams Training Center, 3404 Mall Dr, Eau Claire

Members Present: Bjorn Hanson, Billy Zimmerman, Jereme Rauckman, Steve Wood, Dan Deetz

Members Absent: Jay Plummer, Laura Plummer, Brad Berg

Also Present: Dustin Marsh and Jon Riggs (Lowes Creek Trail Liaisons), Pat Rasmus (Area 178 Liaison)

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Dan Deetz

OPENING BUSINESS	
Approval of previous minutes	Minutes approved
President's Report	None
Treasurer's Report	Jereme sent financials and membership list to board. Cash accounts contain \$40,353. Memberships are at 115, which is highest to date and up 29% over last July.
Member Input	None

TRAIL & EVENT COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Area 178	Xcel Energy has concerns about the latest map with regard to new trails appearing that were not initially approved. Part of the concern is the Bombzi reroute, part of which crosses onto the Xcel property line. Xcel also needs a copy of the renewed certificate of insurance. Jereme will provide COI to Dan, who will forward on and contact Xcel to discuss trails.
Hickory Ridge	Hickory has been cleaned up following the recent storm and is ready to ride. One muddy area is being addressed.
Lowes Creek	Downed trees on RAD will be cleared within the next couple days. Liaison Jon Riggs sent a proposal to the board, seeking to remove a significant number of trees, branches, and stumps and some deadfall. The board and liaisons debated pros and cons relating to technicality, changing trail characteristics, user experience, sightlines, use of volunteer time, etc. Opposition to the plan was enough to decide that the liaisons and trails director should take another look at the plan and report back. Dustin indicated the need to do some backslope and reclamation work on Onion.
Northwest Park	Downed trees are being taken care of. A reroute of Barb Wire was started during the recent Trail Master Certification class and is progressing. A community trail work day has been scheduled for August 13, during which the reroute will be completed and the prior trail reclaimed.
Otter Creek	Danny read emailed report from liaison. No significant news.
Pipestone	4 miles of future trail was recently marked. They received the larger brush mower and plan to mow a 2-2.5-mile section of double track to use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Trail Master Certification Class	Dan recapped the recent class hosted by CORBA, in which 11 participants received certification/recertification. Dan will send invoice to Jereme to pay and work with DNR for reimbursement.

Equipment List & Location	Dan would like to see all CORBA equipment used at other trail systems make its way back to Eau Claire storage for the winter. Board discussed the need to improve the way equipment is cared for and that the president and treasurer need to be informed of incoming bills/invoices. Jereme asked about equipment inventory. Dan will check with Jay. Board determined that one person only should manage the inventory spreadsheet, so a list will be provided to Jereme for him to enter.
Memorial Bench at Lowes Creek	Eau Claire County received the bench on 7/19. Laura received contact information to coordinate installation.
CORBA Web Site	Jereme provided Steve with admin access to the Wordpress software and will send login information for the GoDaddy hosting account. Steve has been looking at other organization web sites for ideas how to improve CORBA's.
Group Ride Organization/Incentive	Bjorn will touch up the document and is waiting on jersey designs to review with the board.
CORBA Kids	Tabled, for the most part, until Brad returns. Bjorn brought up the idea of CORBA potentially partnering with the Trail Kids program he's working with in Rice Lake. Bjorn provided contact information.
Tour de CORBA	Tabled until Brad returns.
DR Mower Purchase	CORBA purchased an additional DR mower, so each county now has access to its own mower.

NEW BUSINESS	
IMBA Summits	IMBA Midwest is looking for a Chapter to host its 2017 regional summit. After discussing the benefits of hosting such an event, the board agreed CORBA should submit an application. Jereme has been working with Visit Eau Claire to complete the application and will submit it to IMBA. If CORBA is awarded the event, the initial plan is for Jereme to oversee the project with assistance from a committee to be determined. The board also briefly discussed the IMBA national summit coming in November and brought up the question of whether CORBA should pay anything for board members to attend. No decision made at this time.
Mapping	Tabled until Jereme receives samples from mapping professional interested in assisting.
Skills Area at Lowes Creek	Jereme proposed hiring a professional trail building company to design and develop a skills area at Lowes Creek, in the field where the pump track and initial skills area trail were started. Recognizing some of the reasons the previous area remains undeveloped, the board discussed pros and cons and agreed a skills area would be a boon to the park and the area and that the proposed location would be a good option. Initial cost estimates range from \$8,000 to \$35,000, depending on scope, which the board agreed was doable. Jereme will put together committee and move forward with assembling a more detailed plan.
PA System	CORBA currently pays to rent a PA system at events held at the Expo Center and does without at some other events. The board discussed whether it made sense to purchase and store our own system. Jon will research prices.
City of Rice Lake Trail Project	The city of Rice Lake approached Bjorn about CORBA developing mountain bike trails at Hiawatha Park, a 3 ½ acre wooded park. The board raised initial concerns about the small size of the property and relatively flat terrain but also recognized several opportunities. The city would

potentially build parking, the local high school mountain bike team would use the trails and be a potential volunteer source, exposure to nearby trails would get more riders to Pipestone and possibly open up other trail opportunities with the city, etc. Bjorn will present an agreement proposal to the city. Dan and Jereme expressed interest in doing a walkthrough of the property to determine viability.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:25pm

Submitted by Jereme Rauckman, Treasurer