

Chippewa Off Road Bike Association

Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017
 6:30 pm
 Deb's Café, Eau Claire

Members Present: Andy T, Jay P, Laura P, Bill Z, brad b, bjorn h
Members Absent: Steve W, Geri D
Also Present: Dustin M, Billy Z, Parker Mccoll

Meeting called to order at __6:36pm__ by __andy__

OPENING BUSINESS	
Approval of previous minutes	Bjorn motion, jay second, approved
President's Report	Events and rides have been great all season including how to volunteer and get involved. Beginner rides are going well, as many as 15 as few as 1. Next step will be a women's ride on a weekend. Rice Lake ride was a hit, bjorn said it's "fuckin awesome". Hickory Ridge, then Area 178, and then possibly NWP. Email coming soon to membership regarding leaving IMBA.
Treas. Report	absent
Member Input	

TRAIL & EVENT COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Area 178	Workday on Monday. Chippewa County has approved a log-ride at the end of th culdesac, there will be a b-line.
Hickory Ridge	Trails are riding well, deer flies are pretty much non-existent.
Lowes Creek	Lots of trees down in the park, ridgeline has big tree down, thrillville has one that needs to be cut as well. Onion will need some work on the dirt near the rocks as people are going off trail. If rock is needed, contact Jay. We need loppers, also some trail posts need to be done.
Northwest Park	No official report. Trail day didn't happen.
Otter Creek	No official report, still cleared out pretty well.
Pipestone	Ahman is back, so work will get back on track. Another ½ mile of corridor has been cleared in prep for new switchback section. Main switchbacks are getting done as well. Looking at getting the spring loop switchback finished. Next will be the quarry loop, looking at that for this fall.
Hiawatha	Ron has been using the ditch witch, hours have been done. Has plowed through another mile on the east side. Hoping to have another mile for the work day on sept 26 th . Before winter, he would like to have the entire east side roughed in. fix station has been finalized, ron will do prep work.
Firecracker	622 participants in total, along with 57 kids. Net revenue was \$6686, down a few thousand from the prior year. Biggest variance was sponsor levels dropping, SHIRT COST WAS ALMOST DOUBLE IN COST. Looking to trim costs, t-shirts may be an option, also looking at sponsors to cover events as a blanket option. Brad would like to see CORBA take over the concessions stand. Volunteers were down. Looking for a successor to Laura for race director.

Fallback Blast	Modicum Brewing as a sponsor including packet pickup there and half price beer for participants and volunteer. Blue Ox Running is also on board. Mayo Clinic is title sponsor.
CORBA Kids	38 people showed for the nerf biathlon event, it was great. 4 more events including fall picnic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Commonweal Development / Lowes Update	Parks meeting last night, looking to drop 200k+ cu yds of sand into lowes creek. Still trying to reclaim the pit area . the new plan is the area next to WRR or The Meadows. This is a wetland area. Developers claim not a wetland area. Mike Repiak from IMBA Trail Solutions didn't really appear to have done the full scope of work to prepare for the meeting. Commonweal is still trying to convince that this is "a deal you don't want to pass on". Vote is at the Expo Center in two weeks
Powderkeg Race	Looking at Luke Pederson as a race director. Curling club is going to get back to us.
Geiger Tour	Ben morgan at visit Eau Claire is setting up a "check out Eau Claire" thing. October 2 nd will be at Lowes Creek. Looking at some hiking, biking, riding. Brad will talk with Spring Street Sport about them bringing them fleet of EX8 units. 2pm in the afternoon
IMBA Resolution	56 votes total, 55 no, 1 yes to stay with IMBA. We as a club will be leaving IMBA. We need to check to see if they owe us any membership dues. We will also check with Steve Wood to see about the backoffice setup on our side to be able to handle the transition.
Sherwood Forest Update	Met with county, Dave Moyne will look for grant money, Tyler can spend time and money researching getting that part going. Rice Lake Utilities, Barron County Economic Development are also looking at buying in. Reaching out to 2 of the land owners who have in the past donated large chunks of land.

NEW BUSINESS	
CORBA KIDS / Flying Eagles / Kickin Kids	All groups work together to share email lists and share information. Work together.
Spooner Trails	Spoke with kevin meyers, they will have a board meeting to see how they could be a benefit to CORBA as being a member. They are cool with holding events.
Fall Creek Composite MTB Team	Looking for an easy-up tent (\$400 w/ writing) or a large triangle bike rack need 2 at \$210 each. Laura motioned to give \$500, Brad 2 nd , passed by all, approved by all

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53__

Submitted by Brad Berg, Secretary