

CORBA

Board Meeting Minutes

11-13-19

6:30pm

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Meeting called to order at : 6:36____ by _Steve_____

Opening Business	
Approval of previous minutes	Reviewed and approved
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New agenda format to give all a chance to report on• FBB a big success. Had 258 registered runners, with 226 who ran. Markings didn't work as envisioned. One runner was lost on the 10K.• Welcome Ryan Urban to represent Barron County!
Vice President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had event organization/planning meeting to pull together practice and protocols for event management. This is for sustainability so the board has the info they need to carryforward, and to support anyone stepping into a leadership event.
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A few expenses to wrap up with FBB. The race is a nice fundraiser.• .
Secretary Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 11th End of Year party. Some swag is being collected.
Trails Directors' Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City and a group looked at a lower reroute into NWP.• There's almost 1 full box of markers• Need to get the excavator back to Ivan. It's currently in Menomonie.• Ryan to find out where the ditch witch is. It had been with Tony. We will want to get it serviced for the winter.

Area 178	
Hickory Ridge	•
Lowes Creek	•
Northwest Park	•
Otter Creek	•
Pipestone	•
Hiawatha	•
Silver Creek	•
Menomin Park	•

County Member at Large Reports	
Eau Claire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looked at the North end - Old Wells - to create another entrance. Very marshy and not a feasible option.
Chippewa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Parks and Forest Admin will be put in place due to turnover at the County.• Looking to see if user groups can provide input on the new Administrator.

Barron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barron Cty Economic Development met with Silent Sports leaders. One meeting held, so hopefully a start of a good thing. Tony (Silver Creek), RL NICA coach, cross country ski leaders were there. The new loop at Pipestone is rough but rideable.
Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donation received from Sadistic for approximately \$3,300 to help get the first Snow Dog for Menomonin Park. A roof needs to be replaced that was damaged last winter..

Unfinished Business	
Winter Grooming / Snowdog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have about \$800 raised above the \$3,000 donation from Corba Need to nail down authorization from trail owners, insurance, etc. Feel there's a battle in the community with Corba to get signs. Feel the process needs clarification on how the purchase will work. Feel we want money on top of the time and hard work people have put in. Grooming at NWP, not sure why it was shut down. During a meeting with the city, the City said they must be in attendance when using motorized equipment to groom at NWP. The City needs to be there. We have MOAs with the city, county, and NSP. We need to abide by those or we lose the ability to use the parks. Corba needs to prove to the City and County that we have insurance. There may have been given some informal permission given to groom, but there is no written documentation. How can we bring volunteers in to groom? Grooming volunteers must be Corba members so they fall under our insurance to groom. A lot of people want to help and feel turned off. Corba Board voted to maintain about \$30K in cash for planning/sustainability. This is the 1st year Corba is making money. Donation received from Mac's to push the snow-dog funds over the top to purchase one snow dog. Thank you!!! It's hard to get people to help when we hear people want to help. Communication on trail days was lacking and will be improved; weather was not cooperative. It's a hard balance to spend time asking for help versus just doing it. Ultimately, everyone is busy. Some people who want to help have been soured, and relationships need to be mended. We know people want grooming, and it will cost money. We want the edge to go to the landowners and say we have the money, insurance, etc. We want the whole fat-biking community to support this, not just the Corba community. Snow mobiles is insured at higher rates as they are considered recreational vehicles, so Snow Dog is less to insure. Currently, we pay \$4,600 a year for insurance. Jay has worked with insurance companies and other clubs to see who they use to insure. This is very time consuming for a volunteer and most volunteers have full-time jobs and busy lives. The county has purchased new ski grooming equipment for Tower, so the old equipment is being held at Lowes. There were a lot of volunteers for grooming.
Win A Bike Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to next meeting
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New Business	
NWP Map Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue and Steve will discuss separately.
Christmas Parades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Roth family to take the lead for the Chippewa Parade, December 7th at 6pm. Line up is 4-4:30pm. Request a budget of \$150 for decor.
2020 Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Event Director Reports (only what's currently pertinent)	
Firecracker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instead of a WORS race, would like to move forward into a festival activity the last weekend of June, incorporating events for all trail users. Would be Red Flint FC Festival, Mtb race, last man standing, shortish trail race, road ride/century ride, morning/night hike, Valleycat style event. Pricing could be ala cart or an all-in-one. People could camp, music, food trucks, etc. This will be a coordinated team effort with mini-directors.
Take a kid mountain biking	
Sadistic Century	
Deerfly	
Fall Back Blast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Powder Keg	

Member Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
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Attendance - Board						Attendance - Guests					
Steve Wood	A	Jenny Pederson	A	Bill Zimmerman	A	Danny Deetz	Tod Griffin	Lee Marsh	Amy Marsh	Ken Boette	David Uber
Laura Plummer	A	Bayli Christorf	A	Ryan Urban	A	Sue McDonald	Brad Chovan	Dean Roth	Adrian Ong	Arlen Beaudette	
Chris McDonald	A	Jay Plummer	A	Jerry Porter	A	Dustin Marsh	Andrew Gierke	Danny Deetz	Tina Deetz & Camille	Vanessa Helland	

A = Attending, NA = Not Attending

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by Steve

Submitted by Jennifer L. Pederson, Secretary

