

KAMBA (Kenosha Area Mountain Bike Association) Board Meeting

January 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:13pm

Members present:

Vice President: Todd Hauser

Secretary: Doug Herrick

KAMBA Trail Director: Dustin Llanas

President: Steve Janiak

Treasurer: Mike French

Social Media Coordinator: Joe Krubsack

Member-at-large: Jeff Wallace

Members absent:

Meeting minutes accepted at 6:14

President's Report

- Not a lot of donations have come recently, but Dan Lawrence has generously donated \$4000 for the Tyke skills park. That check should be coming soon
- Our overall goals for 2024 are to finish Petrifying Springs (PETS) park (the jump line, high voltage, and scrambler)
- Dustin is expecting that KAMBA should be getting a donation from Casey soon
- We have hit our goal for Tyke, now lets start building the sections
- An organizational goal we have is to keep a running tab on the building materials we plan to spend on for the Tyke skills park
- IF we build within the standards that the county has established, then we do not need approval from the county for the layout
- On the south end of Tyke, we have to put the composite logs into the ground because it is a designated wetland
- We will keep the outer loop at Tyke. Our plan is to add an inner loop where the course will have several line choices at specific obstacles (e.g. an A, B, and C lines)
- Mary Beth mentioned that Tyke used to be named after Fort Ticonderoga; maybe we should consider changing the name back to the original name?
- We will vote on the layout for Tyke at the next meeting
- Jeff had asked if we could get Jeremy Witek to come out and set up a blueprint for the future SLP flow trail "Gravity Gulch". Todd and Dustin mentioned that we have done that already and Jeremy has a full outline for a trail
- Steve is working on the online store. We have a lot of t-shirts, hats, and water bottles
- Todd and Steve to work on writing a January KAMBA newsletter

Slip N' Ride Race Updates:

- Mary Beth has gloves to raffle off
- An idea was presented – raffle off a prize to the best costume of the day?
- Another idea was to raffle off a prize to the rider with the slowest first lap
- Topsy Turvy will deliver 20 cases of beer and have given us 15 days to pay
- Idea was presented to give out one free drink ticket to each registered racer, and then still give out the left over beer for free, but really push for donations for the leftover beer (ex. say it will be a recommended \$3 donation for each beer taken from the leftover pile)
- Todd presented a black box idea; we could make a mystery box full of mountain-bike related gear/goods to raffle away
- Joe also suggested we could raffle off the beer
- The donation to become a main sponsor of the Slip N' Ride is \$250
- Steve is talking to Louisa's pizza to see if they could provide some for the race. The guy he talked to said they could deliver it to the pavilion at Silver Lake park
- Joe had suggested we could buy a propane firepit to provide some extra warmth to riders

Board Member Roles for 2024

- Everyone voted to stay in their same roles as last year
- Two motions were presented: one to create a new role – a joint SLP/PETS trail director, and the other to nominate Dustin Llanas to occupy the position
- The motion passed with Dustin's willingness to occupy the position
- JT and Matt Collins want to know if and when someone is operating heavy machinery at either SLP or PETS
- Matt Collins will be leaving his position as the head of the Kenosha County Parks and Recreation Department for a job at his town of Whitefish Bay
- Todd will be taking up the role of internal community relations and Jeff will deal with external community relations

Treasurer's Report

- We started off the month of December with a balance of \$10,989.03
- We ended the month of December with a balance of \$7,752.99
- Our debits totaled \$3,456.23
- KAMBA had reimbursed Steve for some posts, signs, and lights
- The total cost of the t-shirt orders came out to be \$444
- We also had to pay back Frank Miller for fuel for the mini-ex
- There were 2 stripe transfer credits this month totaling \$220.19
- Last month we had to pay the yearly club insurance. The standard club insurance is due at the end of each year and it totals ...dollars. The directors insurance is due at the end of September each year; it is \$600 (this includes our Slip N' Ride event insurance)
- Suggestion from Joe – Miller park got renamed American Family Insurance field. Could we get an insurance company to sponsor us (get us reduced insurance potentially) and in exchange

we could name a trail after them? We have presented this type of corporate sponsorship to the county before and they did not like the idea (essentially told us no)

- Mike had a question: does our insurance cover 2 events or just 1? It does cover 2 events; the county would like to know the date of the future event beforehand
- Should we hold an informal ride instead of an event?
- Ideas thrown around: a Friday night enduro race?
- Wisconsin is a recreational use state: as long as we don't charge an entry fee we are not culpable for any wrongdoing or injury during the event
- If we charge a fee our insurance policy may be null and void

Silver Lake, Petrifying Springs Park Trails Updates

- Not much going on
- We are looking for the sleds for grooming. Mike has a small sled we could use for singletrack grooming
- Unknown if there are any downed trees at PETS or SLP currently
- Could groom with a snowmobile at PETS (mostly doubletrack)
- Joe K. suggestion – it would be helpful if we could get signs that say “snowshoes” or “fat-bikes only” signs to help prevent hikers from using the fat-bike groomed trails
- The county has made signs in the past
- The kiosk signs are blurry and faded at PETS

New Business

- Trail budgets – should we set aside a certain amount of money for tools or equipment for both trail systems?
- Pat and John asked for \$3000 at the end of September to finish Rudy's run, but could not get the approval or the volunteers. In addition, JT did not approve of the final sections of trail
- Question: could we put long handles on all of the McClouds this winter? Steve likes the short handles, but Joe requested if we could get one with a long handle
- Discussion on how much money we should allocate for a trail fund
- Decided to table the discussion until the March 2024 meeting when we can find out what our real working capital is
- Reminder in establishing a trail budget: our \$600 insurance is due in September and our larger insurance payment is due in December

Old Business

- Steve has not yet talked to the triathlon guy (from Dec. 2023 meeting minutes: wanted to hold a kayak, mtb, walk triathlon)
- Spoke with a Trek representative about potentially coordinating a day to have KAMBA members come to the Trek trails to ride and learn trail maintenance
- Joe to make a post advertising the Slip N Ride on social media

- Joe is learning more about social media; ex. for Facebook events if you say you are “going” it works best for the algorithm. It does not work as well if you click “interested” rather than “going.”
- Mike is seeing the junk posts on the KAMBA Facebook page. Regular users of the page will only see KAMBA board member posts though
- Facebook does not interface with Trailbot
- Pat does not have access to Facebook posting, so Steve is currently just re-posting everything that Pat pushes through
- Steve – our long term goal is to push everyone to use Trailbot for trail open/closure updates rather than Facebook
- Mike mentioned that Greg Bond will be putting grooming updates on Facebook
- Next meeting will be Feb. 6th, location TBD
- Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

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