**KAMBA (Kenosha Area Mountain Bike Association) Board Meeting**

November 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02

**Members present:**

Jeff Wallace – President

Lance David – Vice President

Doug Herrick – Secretary

Mike French – Treasurer

Patrick Burba – Head of SLP trail development

John Londre

Michael Reed – Social Media Coordinator

Dustin Llanas – Head of PETS trail development

**Members absent:**

**Insurance:**

* The insurance on the original MOU is what we have
* Matt Collins says we have to pay insurance every year as per the MOU; the board has to be insured
* There are policies for the equipment we use
* Our insurance agent Nicole says we owe more for this year. We have already paid $600 on an annual policy. We also bought a 2 year policy
* Wisconsin statute § 895.92 is a recreational immunity statute, which limits the liability of property owners when a person is injured while engaged in a recreational activity on the owner’s property. The situation is more complicated when there is an official event on the property
* Lance: we got insurance specifically for the Slip N Ride. We asked for donations instead of an entrance fee not to skirt around insurance policies, but because we generally made more money in the end
* Lance made a motion to pay our annual insurance fee, and to look at the insurance specifics when we have to re-up next year. All voted yes. There were no “no” votes

**Presidents Report:**

* Jeff has talked to Pat and Dustin independently about a way to get volunteer hours; to have a data point to share with the county
* Lance: we have a spot on our website where we can update volunteer hours
* There was a suggestion that whoever is in charge of the volunteer day to ask everyone who is there to register volunteer hours on the website
* Angela: when we set this up before, Kenosha county said they wanted volunteer hour specifics; how many volunteer hours were spent at board meetings, performing trail maintenance, running events, etc. and that JT Robinson wanted granular data for volunteers
* Steve Janiak volunteered to set up QR codes to sign in to count volunteer hours
* Kenosha county has decided to hold off on the Petrifying Springs mtb trails grand opening/ribbon cutting event until spring
* The GIS team went through and mapped out the trails. They will have them listed on the website soon
* Kenosha county board has a new leader who is fiscally conservative
* Jeff had suggested we could talk to her and let her know the tourism dollars that mtb riders bring in
* On the trail usage signs at Silver Lake Park: Kenosha County had wanted to replace the signs that say “hikers not allowed” with signs that say “purpose-built mountain bike trail.” The reason for this is that if a hiker goes on an mtb trail; they could potentially say “well, this is public land.” They might have more legal ground if the signs say “purpose built mtb trail” rather than “hikers not allowed”
* The signs described above have been set up by the county at Silver Lake Park

**Treasurers Report:**

* The starting balance for the month was $11.195.46. The ending balance for the month was $13,027.66
* WE got $1500 back from Kenosha County that we put out 2 years ago for the trail work that Jeremy Witek was supposed to do that never happened
* There was a paypal transfer from the website last month for $134.89 (paypal has all of our money donations and membership dues), and another transfer today (11/7/22) for $135.00
* The only expense for the month of October was chains for the chainsaws
* We received a donation letter from Abbot Laboratories through Benevity for $123.04. Benevity is a community impact fund; employees of a company individually send money to a charity or non-profit of their choice
* Jeff would like us to find a way to track dropbox donations at the trailhead at Silver Lake Park
* Question from Lance: have we received any money from our Amazon smile account? Mike says that he tried to access it during lunch break at work a few days ago, but could not get in. Mike French will look into how to access our smile account
* Mike French has set up the credit card link for donations and attached it to our KAMBA website
* Jeff tested the donation process, said it appeared a little bit scammy. Mike French had a meeting with the technician who set it up, says it is legit and ready to go
* Jeff had suggested to set up a QR code at the trailhead

**Silver Lake Trail Maintenance/Building Update:**

* Pat Burba: we have been doing a lot of blowing and tree downfalls. Pat Burba, John Londre, and Dan Bran built a new section on Rudy’s run
* Pat met with Dave Bender and they built the SLS mtb team short track race section
* Pat to discuss the status of the snow equipment with Mike. The rokon battery went dead and the rope broke; but the county has said they will fix it
* Mike French says he will bring the snow dog home to change the oil and maintain it

**Petrifying Springs Trail Maintenance/Building Update:**

* From Dustin: we have finished all of the trails that we needed to get done
* The PETS opening will be pushed back to spring
* The signs are up and the trail names will be done by spring. The trail maps should get done by next week
* The plan for the scheduled work with the mini-excavator fell through; the operator couldn’t work that week. This work will be pushed back to spring
* We are still hand-digging for the next few weeks until the ground freezes
* The past few weeks have been maintenance and touch-up on the stuff built earlier this year
* Rob Powers has volunteered to groom the trails at Petrifying Springs this winter. Dustin and Rob spoke and Rob had talked about grooming the multi-use trails because a lot of the singletrack is too narrow for the snow dog
* The cost of the snow dog for Silver Lake was just under $4000; it is a KAMBA owned asset
* Dustin will meet with Rob again to confirm which trails he plans on grooming, and will verify with JT what equipment we can use for grooming the trails

**General/Open Discussion:**

* Doug to send out spreadsheet to KAMBA members to establish a KAMBA group e-mail list
* JT explained that the eagle scouts project at Silver Lake Park will be postponed until next summer
* Jeff said the Athletic Brewing Co. 2 For Trails grant was closed; but they said you can still fill out the form and they will let us know when the next round of grants will be available
* Regarding the Slip N Ride: Lance and Kerry are working with Wheel and Sprocket; specifically the events coordinator Emily. The Slip N Ride will be run in concurrence with a round of the Hugh Jass fat bike race series at Silver Lake Park
* The date has been set for the Slip N Ride: February 2nd
* Nothing to update on the Gravity Gulch trail section
* Question from Jeff: has there ever been any organized regular group rides at Silver Lake? Mike had said yes
* Angela had suggested to put all of those who are interested in running for the board up on a ballot
* Angela had asked about the summer party and what happened to the band that was scheduled
* Mary Beth, Jeff, and Lance said the county would pay for a band, but left it up to us to find a way to organize the party and make money off it. If the county is paying for the band, it has to be a public event
* Lance made a motion to have a Slip N Ride/Tyke event in the summer; everyone voted in favor
* We will wait and see until the WORS schedule comes out
* Doug will add action items for everyone at the end of the meeting minutes each month
* Doug will also send out an e-mail before the annual meeting

**Follow up notes/action items:**

* Mike French and Jeff Wallace to talk to Nicole about our insurance policy to clarify exactly what we are getting
* Mike French to look into how to access and track donations through our KAMBA Amazon Smile account
* Mike French to bring the snow dog home and change the oil
* Steve Janiak to set up QR codes for volunteers to register their volunteer hours
* Dustin to talk to Rob to confirm which trails he plans on grooming at PETS over the winter and to talk to JT about what equipment we can use to groom the trails
* Doug will add action items to the end of the meeting minutes each month going forward
* Doug will also send out an e-mail to all KAMBA members before the annual meeting; will include the ballot and all who are interested in running