



Tarheel Trailblazers 2021 Spring Executive Board Meeting
Thursday April 15, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Webex
Scheduled time 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Host: Bryan Hall (President)
Invited Guest: Mark Sullivan, Bryan Hall, David Krause, Brian Bradley, Bruce Euler, Amnon Nachshon, Kyle Schackert, Tom Ambrozevitch and Craig Brickser
Attendees: Bryan Hall, Brian Bradley, Bruce Euler, Amnon Nachshon, Kyle Schackert, Tom Ambrozevitch and Mark Sullivan (late)

Agenda Items

Membership Drive
CM Parks and Recreation Quarterly Meeting
Upcoming Committee Meeting
General Meeting
Update on RBP
National Trail Day
New Business

Meeting Minutes: Meeting started at 7:06 PM and was adjourned at 8:23PM

Treasurer's Report was skipped since David was not in attendance.

Membership Drive

Bryan opened the meeting and handed the floor over to Kyle to discuss the upcoming membership drive.
Membership drive to start May 1 in conjunction with IMBA's membership drive.

Kyle had questions on how the board would like to proceed in regards to membership incentives.
Riveter day pass
Helmets
Trail Gnome Package (Rogue Hoe, hat, gloves, water bottle/yeti)
MTB Mountain bike experience.

ACTION ITEMS:

Determine if the board wants to offer one large prize/raffle or several levels of smaller prize with one grand prize?
Need to get the word out to LBS to promote membership drive.
Get sponsorships
Create posters and post information about joining IMBA and the club.

Need to get Instagram and Twitter working again



CM Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings

This started with a discussion of the Beatty Bike Park build (funded by a RTP grant) and the interaction with CMRP.

CMRP director at Beatty (_____) wanted to turn some of the existing trails that TB built into HIKER ONLY trail. Bryan is in conversations with (_____) to prevent this from happening. Because of this request from P&R, the start date for construction on the new sections of the trail at Beatty has been pushed back to Fall 2021 (Oct).

Because of this possible change in direction Bryan would like to establish quarterly meetings with CMRP department.

Wanted to know who else would be interested in attending/ being invited. Brian B, Kyle and Tom all indicated they would be interested.

Brian B would like to attend and to see the following specific items achieved by these meetings

1. Use of our 5 and 10 year goals included in the their master plan
2. Be prepared to ask for money (specific amounts) to get our goals accomplished.

Items that we would like to see discussed during these meeting

Trail Recognition (protection of existing trail and expansion of new trail for MTB).

Trail Funding

Inclusion in P & R Master Plan

Sharing the Clubs master plan (5 and 10 year goals).

Develop and improve existing relationships with P & R staff for the different areas of CM:

Tom working with (Brett _____) concerning parking trail at Airline Bike Park (aka Dixie River). The club has developed a temporary fix but the city needs to find a more permanent solution.

Kyle has been working closely with N Meck P & R to get NM open after the stream project completed (he was scheduled to walk the trails with them the following day).

Bryan working with Beatty staff to get better protection of existing trail and have it added to their master plan.

(Mark S. joined meeting at 7:20 pm)

Mark has been working closely with Davidson P & R also around a stream project.

ACTION ITEMS:

Bryan wants to establish a committee to develop a Master Plan for MTB in the CM metro region. This plan would be something that was professionally done. Therefore funding would be required (grants and/or donations in addition to city participation).

Committee Meeting



First committee meeting was originally scheduled for May meeting but it was decided to held in June to allow more time for the board to be better prepared and give all TC more time to schedule their time. Attendance will be mandatory for all TCs (or their representative). This meeting will most likely be virtual.

Items that were discussed to be on the agenda for this meeting are as follows (but not limited to):.

ACTION: Mark and Bryan will finalize an agenda for the meeting.

- Trail maintenance certification class

 - Good for 2 years

 - Each TC or a representative of that trail would need to attend.

 - Create a fund to support these classes and materials (ie books, teachers, speakers).

 - Initially to have a professional (or third party) do a train the trainer course, then future classes could be done internally.

- Fund for maintaining and adding machines that the club owns

 - Bike (or other high value item) raffle. (trial run being done for Beatty project).

- Annual Trail Plan

 - Create a form and method of documenting trail work and volunteer work.

 - Create a method and procedure that TCs would have to go through to get funding for a trail or project (besides normal day to day stuff).

 - Create a form, procedure or method for TC to perform annual (or regular) inspections of their trails and features. (Mark volunteered to work on this).

 - Coordinate training of TCs so they can perform the above item.

 - Try to make signage more uniform throughout the TB trail system.

 - Create a standard sign package.

- Get budget requirements for 2022 budget

 - Annual plan submitted one to two months before budget is due.

 - Allows the club to better budget for large scale projects.

 - Allows for plans to be altered if necessary.

 - Allows for smaller projects to still get done and supported.

- Get information and access to all individual trail's social media outlets (i.e. BYT community FB page, RBP, etc.).

Rocky Branch Park project update (Bruce E.)

- Community Foundation Virtual 5k ongoing through Saturday 4/17

- Belmont CTT and bridges are complete (0.67 miles).

- Green Zone Trail about 1/3 complete.

- Blue Zone Trail bid awarded to Nature Trails.

- Cramerton CTT awarded to Nature Trails.

- Cramerton MOU with GCS final and RBP is extended into Cramerton.

- Cramerton also intends to add another short single track trail.

- Volunteer work days 4/24 and 5/8, 8 am to 12 pm.

- Aiming to reopen park with CTT and Green Zone Trails July 4th weekend while construction on Blue Zone continues



National Trail Day sponsored by Carolina Thread Trail and Mt. Holly (Bruce E.)

June 5th, 2021, 10 am to 2:00 pm

Set up starts at 8:00 am

To be held at Tuckaseegee Park in Mount Holly

Looking to promote a work day that morning (and possibly Sunday morning) at Mountain Island Park Trail (MIPT).

Bruce will need help running the workday and setting up our booth space. Bruce will tear down after the event.

Workday will most likely be from 8:00 to 10:00 and if there is enough interest for Sunday we will have another workday from 10:00 to 2:00 on Sunday.

Addendum: Found out after meeting that Mt. Holly City Council was going to meet on 4/26 to determine whether special events can be held under COVID restrictions. Will update after council meets.

Gaston Bikefest/ Red Bull Pump track Qualifier (Bruce E.)

May 15, 2021 Bikefest 11:00 to 4:00 / Redbull Qualifier 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

A lot of fun and you don't want to miss it.

Do we want to try and attend the bikefest as a vendor? No action was determined.

SORBA Summit (Bryan)

May 17th to 23rd.

Virtual

Recommended for all board members to try to attend all or part of the meeting

Equipment Summary (Mark)

MT52 is finished and back in service

Will arrange pick up with Bruce and get the MT50 so it can be serviced.

Kyle is donating a covered trailer to the club to store equipment and tools (THANK YOU KYLE).

Trailer will initially be used up at LNSP. Kyle also said we can use his ATV for trail work when needed. (THANK YOU KYLE AGAIN).

May Meeting

Board decided that this will be a virtual meeting and open to the general membership and public.

Other Topics or Business

Airline Bike Park (Tom A.) Parking Trail is done and will hold about 30 cars. Tom and other are making some improvements to trail before opening; still need to sign the trail; hope to have a soft opening early summer.



End of Year party was briefly discussed looking to have it in conjunction with the completion of Beatty project at the new Colonel Bike Park

Adjournment: 8:22