

Northwest North Carolina Mountain Bike Alliance  
Board Meeting Minutes: 03/23/2016  
6:30 pm / Lenoir, NC

### Board Members

*Present:* Paul Stahlschmidt (president), Phil Fracaro (vice president), Jack Brown (treasurer), Jay Womack (secretary), Scott Duncan, Golden Moore

*Absent:* Eric Loomis, Jim Horton

*Others Present:* Alex Broyhill (Lenoir), Taylor Gupton (Lenoir)

### Proceedings

- Paul began the meeting with a short explanation of IMBA/SORBA encouraging chapters to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* for board meetings. Minutes of 01/27/2016 Board Meeting were approved (members reviewed online prior to meeting).
- *Finance Report* provided by Jack Brown
- *President's Report and Discussion* moderated by Paul Stahlschmidt: Dark Grind mountain bike race - sponsored by the Alliance - will be held at Dark Mountain on April 10. Possibility of making money for the Alliance plus hosting in subsequent years was discussed. Bald Guy coffee is creating a special blend just for the event. Meet for minor trail maintenance at 3:00 PM on Saturday; meet for assistance with event at 9:00 AM on Sunday. The new canopy tent will be used for the event.
- Trail Report:
  - Lake James: Nothing is scheduled in near future.
  - Lenoir: Zacks Fork will have a Trail Day on 03/26/2016 with some routine maintenance.
  - Boone: Rocky Knob will have a Trail Day on 03/26/2016 with some routine maintenance. The Keen grant is helping with some additions to the Rocky Branch beginners trail while some more challenging trails are being added to the stacked loop.
  - Pisgah: Mike Thomas and Terra Tek Trails are almost finished with the work on Wilson Creek Trail.
  - Hickory: Short discussion of the in-town trails at Hickory City Park and (county) Riverbend Park. Philip is organizing some meetings
- The IMBA/SORBA Southern Mountain Bike Summit was held in Bryson City, NC March 18-19. Paul attended both days and recounted a short summary of the events. Items of note: 43 chapters in IMBA's biggest region; the theme for this year's summit was "Diversity"; Paul hosted a presentation on partnerships. Paul

and Julie White of Pisgah SORBA subsequently received a SORBIE for his advocacy efforts.

- Take A Kid Mountain Biking future dates may be possible for both Spring and Fall.
- Based on the Summit's participants, and input from our members who attended, a women's mountain bike clinic hosted by the Alliance was discussed.
- Possibility of fundraiser in the Fall - partnered with Caldwell Pathways - was discussed. Jack and Taylor will talk with folks at Howard Brewing.
- Catawba County Parks & Recreation manager Blair Rayfield will meet with Philip about Riverbend
- T-shirt sales were discussed as a possible fundraiser (sell at events, clinics, online) as well as raising awareness of the Alliance. Jim Horton can provide design. Board will need to decide on money spent and number of shirts for initial run.
- Next board meeting will be on 05/26/2016 in Morganton.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jay Womack