

BHMBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 April 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Strider

Board Members Present: Kent Jacobs – President
Dustin Muters – Vice President
Sam Voegeli – Secretary
Dave Kent
Joe Squillace
Brent Kertzman
Kelly Combs
Matt Reed
Chris Seeley

Board Members Not Present: Peggy Busse
Tim Henderson

1. **Call to Order:** Kent Jacobs – 6:40 PM

2. **Letter of Intent (LOI) & “The View” Trail Closure:**

- LOI takes more action-based approach
- Sam Greear, Kent Jacobs, and Matt Reed have done a lot of the LOI work
- The floor was opened for comments on the LOI
- Send LOI to FS first
- Then issue press release with cover letter
- Solicit any organization that can help
- Recommend stacked loops off of Trail 89 and Trail 40
- Could address 261 statute referenced by Ruth
- Concerns were raised about stalled special use permits
- Additional concerns were voiced about requested reroutes on the Back 40 permit
- Possibly add supporting data to LOI
- Include comment that Wyoming is bringing MTBs to the our area, we need to capitalize
- Could request data from SD tourism
- Mike Rounds was interested in the Deadman Project in Sturgis
- Could contact Black Hills Vacation group
- Notify originator of the “National Trail System Act” about FS lack of progress
- “The View” could be our “Lithium” of the Tetons
- FS views our volunteer ours at approximately \$23/hr
- Need to compile all of our Buzzards Roost paperwork to address Ruth’s allegations about lack of our involvement

- Use Northern Hills use of the “Categorical Exclusion” as a motivator
- MVUM initially only recognized “permitted” trails, non-motorized could be the same
- The mtb community has already developed a culture of building/maintaining trails
- Address that Brady Howe didn’t have a direct replacement when he left the FS
- Approval of LOI
 - MOVED BY: Kent Jacobs
 - SECONDED BY: Matt Reed
 - MOTION CARRIED

3. **BHFTF Update:** Kristy Lintz

- Parks and Rec has an outfitter license, so no issues with stalled special use permits
- Needs to specifically outline mtb rides, submit maps, needs approval from FS
- Could work together (Parks&Rec and BHMBA) to influence FS
- Regional IMBA rep will be in Rapid City next week
- Signage is planned to up for a month on local trails
- HLMP has approved new race concept
- Let Kristy know if trails need work
- Identify race marshal locations
- Course needs marked before race
- Concerns were raised about 2-way traffic during race, possible reroute
- Kristy expressed support for LOI
- NO MOTION

4. **Work Days:**

- Plan for alternating Saturdays/Sundays again
- Need to publicize and celebrate workdays better (could invite Steven Wilke to take photos/videos)
- First planned day is for April 24th possibly at Brush Creek
 - MOVED BY: Brent Kertzman
 - SECONDED BY: Dustin Muters
 - MOTION CARRIED

5. **Trailer Cleanup:**

- Sharpen tools and organize/catalog items
- April 16th from 10am-12pm
- NO MOTION

6. **Trails Update:**

- Possibility for members getting S212 certification
- Could issue a public statement about the need to collect trail condition information
- Concerns were expressed about not keeping legacy singletrack on Skyline and prolific machine built trails

- Draft a letter in support of the FiveOh reroute in the Northern Hills
 - MOVED BY: Sam Voegeli
 - SECONDED BY: Kelly Combs
 - MOTION CARRIED

7. Earth Day Event:

- We can share a booth with the Black Hills Paddlers
- April 23rd
- Cost \$25
- Could also promote BHFTF
- BHMBA to attend event
 - MOVED BY: Joe Squillace
 - SECONDED BY: Brent Kertzman
 - MOTION CARRIED

8. BHMBA Membership Mixer:

- Group ride at Skyline
- Check to see if NOSH, Mac n' Cheese, Pizza Truck can provide food
- Ask if a local Brewery would donate beverages
- Possible alternative is to meet at Thirsty's after the ride for food/drinks
- Plan for May 6th at 6pm for group ride
- Should invite Ruth FS Ranger
- NO MOTION

9. Common message/response:

- Discussed the Facebook message that BHMBA received and our response
- Dustin Muters volunteered to our "point person" regarding communication
- Need to define a mission statement
- NO MOTION

10. DJ Park:

- Need to address MOU
- TABLED

11. Meeting Adjourned:

- MOVED BY: Kent Jacobs
- SECONDED BY: Kelly Combs
- PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Voegeli – BHMBA Secretary