

BHMBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 January 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Strider

Board Members Present: Kent Jacobs – President
Peggy Busse – Treasurer
Sam Voegeli – Secretary
Dave Kent
Brent Kertzman
Chris Seeley
Lucas Haan

Board Members Not Present: Tim Henderson
Dustin Muters
Joe Squillace
Kelly Combs

1. **Call to Order:** Kent Jacobs at 6:32 PM
2. **Budget:** No budget report necessary
 - New tags are paid for trailer
 - Year website fee is \$280 for RSA
 - NO MOTION
3. **Minutes:** Lucas Haan read the minutes from the 13 December 2016 meeting
 - Approval of minutes
 - MOVED BY: Brent Kertzman
 - SECONDED BY: Chris Seeley
 - MOTION CARRIED
4. **NFAB:** Kent Jacobs discussed the recent NFAB meeting
 - The status of developing a structure for proposals was discussed
 - Will likely be modeled after the Deadman Mnt proposal submitted by BHT
 - Progress is currently delayed
 - A survey regarding the recreational use/demand of trails was discussed
 - A “Survey Monkey” will probably be developed and distributed by the NFAB
 - Not finished yet
 - Phoenix trail was discussed with the Mystic District Ranger, Ruth E.
 - Action is currently idled

- Will discuss in the future if the Storm Mnt trail network is considered for inclusion as a system trail
- Discussed the use of fat bikes on snowmobile trails with FS Supervisor, Mark Van Every
 - He sounded open to the idea of allowing fat bikes
 - Interested in changing the “No Wheeled” designation
 - Will need to talk to SD GFP
 - Mark wants to demo a fat bike on a snowmobile trail
 - Snowmobile Association does not want fat bikes on trails – safety, additional regulations, fee sharing
 - We need to get examples of areas where the FS allows fat bikes – shared use and economic impact
- A new law states that the FS needs to make recreation a priority – we need to push this
- NO MOTION

5. **MOU with Black Hills Trails:** Discussed the MOU “merger” letter with BHT

- Zone extent should be amended
 - South to Hwy 244
 - West to the Mickelson
- Need to better define the 15% cut that BHT will take from the checking account
 - This account is external to BHMBA and will only include the “Zone Account” for the Rapid City Zone
 - The BHMBA is not required to put money into the zone account
- Additional Rapid City Zone members could be the Runners Club and Climbers Coalition
- An email vote will be conducted to determine if BHMBA will sign the MOU
- NO MOTION

6. **Board of Directors:**

- A concern was expressed that the BHMBA has too many board members
 - Causes difficulties with achieving a quorum at the meetings
 - Also causes difficulties in scheduling meetings
 - Too many members may cause lack of “responsibility”
 - Limiting the board members will also put the board back on a staggered term pattern (there are 6 board positions that are up for election this year)
 - Board sizes of 5, 7, 9, and 11 were discussed
- Amend the bylaws to limit the board to only 9 directors
 - MOVED BY: Brent Kertzman
 - SECONDED BY: Peggy Busse
 - MOTION CARRIED
- The bylaws need to be cleaned up to better define voting structure – they still included the old “Voting Member” designation
- An attendance policy was also discussed

- Many other boards have some sort of attendance policy
- An attendance policy could remove members who regularly do not show up to meetings and cause difficulties reaching a quorum
- Past cases of board members “disappearing” without actually resigning – an attendance policy would solve this issue
- Amend the bylaws to include a “three strike” attendance policy. Any board member who misses three consecutive board meetings will be removed. Will likely become into effect immediately after the upcoming yearly voting meeting.
 - MOVED BY: Sam Voegeli
 - SECONDED BY: Chris Seeley
 - MOTION CARRIED
- Discuss annual voting during the next meeting

7. Youth Activities:

- Kent Jacobs discussed the possible structure for youth MTB racing in the Black Hills and BHMBA’s involvement
 - Could absorb Stevens HS cycling team and maybe include other schools
 - Partner with the BMX group?
 - We could organize a gear drive to gather unused bikes/gear for youth to racing
- NO MOTION

8. Meeting Adjourned:

- Adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM
 - MOVED BY: Sam Voegeli
 - SECONDED BY: Kent Jacobs
 - MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Voegeli – BHMBA Secretary