

Forsyth Off Road Bicycle Association (FORBA) Steering Committee Meeting



Date: April 3, 2024 7:00pm ET

Attendees: Michael Phelps, Ian Atchinson, Wally Coats, Jake Easter, Amy Easter, JD McNoldy

Discussion Notes:

- Debrief last month's events (work days, socials, meeting with city/county partners, etc.)
 - Two work parties were held at Salem Lake, focusing on building the new beginner trail. Good progress but will need a few more work parties. Discussed making the trail rideable in both directions and adding an access trail from the gravel parking lot (which is currently closed but may open in the future).
 - Social and movie night held at Fiddlin Fish with ok turnout (~16 people). Good fundraising and connecting with people (gained a new sustainer). Discussed timing, location and format for future social events. Suggestion made to attend local rides to help spread the word about FORBA and its events (i.e. co-promote each other's activities)
 - #FORBAFunday group ride in Roanoke.
- Update from each trail leader (condition of trail, needs, opportunities to improve/expand)
 - Hobby - Overall good condition. Long bridge needs some attention after a tree fell on it a bit ago. The jumpline will also need some spring maintenance. Need to move pile of donated lumber to future skills area so it's not an eye sore.
 - Salem Lake - Jesus Trail needs a little more trail work and will require some signage. Will work to add berms in a few places and will address areas with drainage. "Dragon's Tooth" (i.e. beginner trail) still needs more work but more work is needed to remove topsoil, bench cut and compact the trail.
 - Tanglewood - Good condition overall but two bridges, one on the river trail and another on main trail need to be replaced and raised up higher off the ground. Estimating \$1,000 with the reuse of some of the existing wood. Will need volunteers for demo and post hole digging/concrete.
 - Horizons - No update.
- Plan next workday & bike ride (location, date/time, project(s))
 - April Events
 - Saturday, April 6 - Work party at Salem Lake (Dragon's Tooth)
 - Thursday, April 11 - City Outreach Meeting at Salem Lake Marina
 - Sunday, April 14 - Work party at Salem Lake (Dragon's Tooth)
 - Sunday, April 28 - #FORBAFunday at Greensboro Watershed Trail
 - May Events (start work parties at 9am)
 - Tuesday, May 7 - Joint ride/social cookout at Hobby.
 - Saturday, May 11 - Salem Lake (Jesus trail)
 - Sunday, May 19 - Hobby (spring cleanup at jumpline and build arch and bench)
 - Sunday, May 26 - #FORBAFunday at Old Fort (heartbreak ridge)
 - June (date TBD) - Tanglewood (demo and posts for new bridges)
- Admin updates (i.e. membership, total funds, action item follow up, etc.)
 - Looking to fundraise \$30,000 for Tanglewood bridges, trailer to store all FORBA tools, power wheelbarrow, and mini-excavator. Will leverage corporate donors along with community crowdsourced funds.

- o Adding new volunteer role: Crew Supervisor who helps facilitate work parties and work closely with the Trail Leaders.

<p>Trail Leader Duties: (eyes and ears)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ride your designated trail regularly to be aware of trail conditions and needs (once per month).● Attend monthly community trail meetings to share updates on trail conditions and make recommendations for repairs/improvements and any community events (clinics, cookout, etc.). If you cannot attend, send a quick email report to forbaws@gmail.com.● Help promote workdays, as appropriate, to do routine maintenance and special projects - attend as often as possible.● Serve as a point person who can look into issues reported by the public and address them quickly, as feasible.● Report trail issues and large downed trees that we will need City assistance with via trailforks and email forbaws@gmail.com for awareness & audit issues on trailforks.● Serve as ambassador for FORBA, its mission and standards. Follow IMBA Guidelines.● Attend require trainings.● All major reroutes and the addition of new trail or features should be approved by FORBA leadership and City/County partners before beginning work.	<p>Crew Supervisor Duties: (boots on the ground)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Facilitate work parties at your designated trail. Trail work should follow IMBA Guidelines.● Attend require trainings.● All major reroutes and the addition of new trail or features should be approved by FORBA leadership and City/County partners before beginning work.
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