

Forsyth Off Road Bicycle Association (FORBA)
Steering Committee Meeting



Date: 10/4/2023 at 7:00pm ET

Attendees: Jake Easter, Daniel Burress, Wally Coates, Eric Hodges, Ian Atchison, Barbara Hayes, Patrick, Dewey Edwards, Amy Easter, Michael Phelps

Discussion Notes:

- Debrief last month's events (work days, socials, meeting with city/county partners, etc.)
 - Group ride at Fonta Flora was great with 9 attendees. 26 miles!
 - Hobby workday canceled due to rain.
- Update from each trail leader (condition of trail, needs, opportunities to improve/expand)
 - Tanglewood - Fixed rotten bridge on River Loop. Also addressed the chicken wire that was pulling up from a bridge. Good shape.
 - Horizons - No update on trail conditions. County has shared that they are moving forward with pedestrian/horse trails according to the [master plan from 2013](#). This would box in the MTB trails and inhibit future trails. FORBA believed there is plenty of land and options for creating trails for all users. Folks are encouraged to speak to county elected officials to share their desire for more MTB and multi-use trails.
 - Hobby Park - Good condition. Not major issues except the usual erosion.
 - Jesus at Salem Lake - Some vandalism. Will rebuild jumps that were damaged. Signage has been approved by the city so there will be maps at the trailheads. Blazes will also be added on the trail. An Eagle Scout is going to handle the sign posts. Need to add "no horses allowed" to the map.
- Plan next workday & bike ride (location, date/time, project(s))
 - Saturday, October 21 - Work Party at Hobby (Rain date of October 28). Will continue working on berms throughout the trail and potentially improve the derby downhill area (bring flags to mark area). There is a lot of work available for the skills area so we can clear that area.
 - Sunday, October 29 - Haunted Woods Ride at Hobby in collaboration with BeersNGears. Will sell raffle tickets to help fundraise for FORBA
 - Saturday, November 4 - Salem Lake Ribbon Cutting
- Admin updates (i.e. membership, total funds, action item follow up, etc.)
 - It was noted that we should communicate the type of work that will be done at work parties and suggest which tools folks can bring.
 - Group discussed how to consider and accommodate other trail users (walker and runners) ensuring they have alternate routes for technical areas and wayfinding is accessible for them too, especially if they are going the opposite direction.
 - Looking to add more FORBA members and consider a new term for members so it's not confused with "website members."