Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association

Board Meeting 6pm-7pm at Fools Fire Brewery

Wednesday, January 4th, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Attending: **Doug B, Jacob F, Kat S, Matt C, Andrew P,** VisitTallahassee (Joe, Ryan, Taylor), **Kathy D**, Doug D, Scott M, Steve W, Nixon, Elise F

Absent; **Doug P**

Key Takeaways:

* Kathy Draughon is elected as TMBA Treasurer for 2023 effective immediately. Welcome, Kathy!
* VisitTallahassee has purchased a pumptrack start gate for the club. Thank you Leon County Government!
* TMBA and VisitTallahassee (Leon County) will split the cost for the production of 100 “Tallahassee Mountain Biking” t-shirts. TMBA can distribute and retain profits from sales.
* Leon County Government has allocated $80k for the production of a Trails Master Plan. VisitTallahassee is in the process of hiring on IMBA Trail Solutions to write the plan. The County has a strategic initiative that prioritizes the acquisition of the IMBA Ride Center designation. Tallahassee/Leon County fell a few points short on our previous bid for the designation.
* New TMBA stickers are coming soon, including QR code stickers that go to linktree.com/tmba850
* A signup sheet for the All-Levels Ride will be coming to the general membership soon
* Join us at the MLK Jr Holiday ride at St Marks Nat’l Wildlife Refuge on Monday, January 16th!

Action Items

* Matt C. will coordinate with VisitTallahassee regarding the production of “Tallahassee Mountain Biking” t-shirts; no timeline discussed
* Doug B. and Kathy D. will coordinate regarding the TMBA bank account and P.O. Box; no timeline discussed
* 2023 TMBA budget to be developed (assumed leads are Doug B. and Kathy D.); no timeline discussed
* Doug B. will contact SORBA Jax regarding O&D insurance; no timeline discussed
* Jacob F. to provide Andrew P. with Matt Wilson’s contact; complete
* Andrew P. to coordinate regarding access to website back-of-house; no timeline discussed
* Jacob F. to update TMBA waiver on Eventbrite and other posted events; no timeline discussed (asap)
* All-Levels Ride signup sheet to be distributed by Kat S. to illicit membership in leading the ride (now bi-weekly); no timeline discussed
* **All board members** to provide Kat S. and Jacob F. with photograph and short mtb-related bio for “Meet the Board” social media; content to be provided by the evening of Sunday, January 8th
* Andrew P. to organize and pitch useless things from storage unit; weekend of January 7/8
* Matt C. to provide draft stickers to 2023 board prior to printing – coordinate printing; no timeline discussed
* Doug B. to transport setup items to St Marks for the MLK Day Ride; January 16
* Jacob F. to bring MAP grant info to ’23 board for trail work on Munson; January 23 deadline
* Jacob F. to plan, coordinate, and lead trail work day for the new skills area at JR Alford Greenway; January 7th @ 1pm

Notes:

**Special Election** – Due to the resignation of previous treasurer a special election must be held. Any member may be nominated by another member and a popular vote from the general membership will see the nominee elected. Doug D nominates Kathy, second from Kat S. Kathy Droughan is elected by those present with no objections.

**Background** - Incoming board has been meeting informally. Further introductions to come via email and socials.

**December 7, 2022 Minutes Approval** – Approved with no revision or objections

New Business:

1. Updates from VisitTallahassee (including MBT shirts and Trails Master Plan)
   1. Introduced Joe P, Ryan Z, Taylor W of VisitTallahasse, an arm of Leon County Government
   2. County has stepped up and say that county will step up and pay for .5 of new “Mountain Biking Tallahassee t-shirts and TMBA will pay .5 of t shirts while receiving profits from any sales.
   3. Taylor Walker introduces shirt and talks about Mountain Bike Tallahassee (MBT) the County’s new website for promoting mountain biking for those visiting Tallahassee/Leon County.
   4. Kat motion up to 100 shirts with Matt C. second by Jacob F – no objections
   5. Funding approved for trail master plan – initial time frame of “winter” – IMBA contact left IMBA so communications have been up in the air. $80k earmarked by VisitTallahassee. IMBA doesn’t have to do it, but they are preferred because they give the “Ride Center” designation.
2. Treasurer:

* Bank account update – no updates – Doug B to work with Kathy D on this topic
* P.O. Box update – Doug B has name on it and keys for Kathy D as well

1. 2023 Club Budget – Eric W sent bank statements for NICA and TMBA – club has not had a budget in the past. Doug B advocates that budget is important to have. No further discussion
2. Insurance Analysis – Matt C. met with independent insurance agency and they though the size of the existing SORBA provided coverage is adequate . O&D is extra, but small (may be 304$ per year). They recommend adding crime insurance. Carriers may be fighting over who is liable is there is two policies if we get additional coverage from another provider. Doug B to contact Jax SORBA regarding extra insurance.
3. Website Updates (Andrew P.) – Reached out to host of tmba.bike. Contact is JP Lopez – Capital Data Studio. tmba.bike domain is owned by Matt Wilson – need transfer to new service. JP wanted to transfer domain last year, but it didn’t happen. Domain expires in Feb. Jacob F to connect Andrew P with Matt Wilson. Andrew will then have access to back end of site to make updates.
4. Liability Waiver (Doug B.) – Content of new waiver includes SORBA materials as well as conversations of Doug B with other lawyer cohorts. Jacob to update Eventbrite.
5. Holiday Party (Doug B.) – Reached out to Eric Draper with CCC about having joint party. Seemed interested but will talk to CCC board.
6. Beginner Ride Volunteer Signup (Kat S.) – Club spoke previously about how getting volunteers is hard. Board has decided to change All Levels rides to be every other week. Spreadsheet to be made by Kat for volunteers. If interested in hosting we’ll be sending you a link to sign up for rides in the future (including women’s ride). Switching name to all levels ride!
7. "Meet the Board" (no discussion, to be done by Jacob and Kat) – Every board member to submit something to kat and Jacob.
8. Storage Unit Organization and Inventory (Andrew P.) – Getting to it this weekend.
9. Sticker Order (Matt C.) – Went to midtown printers. Need to decide what we want. Fairly inexpensive. What size and what sticker and how many. Got a quote for 50, 100, 200, 300. 128$ for 300. Moved by Kat for 300, second from Kathy. Matt C to send design to board before printing.
10. Trail Etiquette – Doug B has met with local land managers. Doug B proposed to meet with hiking, gulf winds, and TMBA to et a consensus together regarding right of way.

Old Business:

1. **Pump Track Start Gate Update (Andrew P.)**
   1. Taylor W with VisitTallahassee.com bought the start gate. Should be shipped in this week!
   2. Other pumptrack business – looking into insurance for events. Going to back to social events until further notices since insurance through SORBA does not cover races. Topic for more discussion.
2. **MLK Jr. Day Ride** – Doug B will bring everything down.
3. **Urban Gorilla** – Need to get to 25 shirts to break even.
4. **Work Day Update(s)** (Doug B. and Jacob F.) – Jacob to lead with Chris W of Leon County. Features going on trail. Doug has met with Robert Steele with City regarding what trail work they’ll be doing.
5. **Spring Trip (Doug B.)** – Trip will be at Davidson River Campground in Brevard NC May 18-22.
6. **ANF Grant Update** (Jacob F.) – Matching Award Program (MAP) grant for trail work on national forest land. Jacob F proposes writing grant for fixing eroded sections on Munson. Grant may be used to purchase food, fuel, equipment, shirts. Grant may not pay for hardscape or signage.