

## **OMBC Board Minutes 1/2/17**

**Call to Order** - 6:36 p.m.

Board Members Present: Katherine Edelblut, Kent Leier, Todd Thibodeau, Joe Preston, Andy Tomaszewski

Board Members Excused: Thuan Nguyen, Sean Keithly

Also Present: Kenny Bearden (Club Administrator)

### **Member Engagement/Social Activities**

Todd will distribute some material from Wyoming State Parks about member/volunteer engagement.

Kenny is working on scheduling trail talks/events with Push, New Belgium, and Niner.

The Board discussed scheduling an additional social ride each week.

The Board discussed destination rides:

March – Pueblo

April - Fruita

May – Glendo

June – Buffalo Creek

July – Gowdy

August – Winter Park/Summit County

September – Steamboat

October – Hermit Park

November – Picture Rock

We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

### **Board Retreat**

The Board will conduct their annual retreat on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at a location to be determined.

### **Club Administrator Report**

- Potential Trail projects:
  - Working on project details for NW Fort Collins skills park/trail connectivity and development as part of City Natural Area's "Connect Youth and Families in NW Fort Collins to Nature" GOCO grant application.
- Business Partner Program updates:
  - Still awaiting program level details for Sierra Trading Post. They have confirmed participation but details were delayed due to holidays. Confirmation expected by mid-January.
- 2016 donation log has been updated and is available for board member review via Dropbox folder. Awaiting details on PayPal donations (limited number), but all others are up-to-date as of 12/26. ToC festival contributions are included in total only...details are available on separate document.
- Advocacy group:
  - Next meeting will be scheduled in early to mid-Jan to review 2016 and set committee goals for 2017
  - Multiple master plans are due for updating in 2017, so the group will have plenty to work on this year.
- 2017 Tooth or Consequences planning is ongoing. Event permit applications are being completed this week and will be submitted by 1/6. 2017 festival budget is complete.
- Upcoming meetings:
  - Niner on 1/3 to discuss festival sponsorship, BPP and Trail Talks scheduling. Will also be scheduling a "town-hall" type meeting with Niner employees soon to discuss trail projects, opportunities and needs.
  - Push 1/4-1/6 to discuss festival sponsorship, BPP and Trail Talks scheduling.
  - Meeting with all other CO IMBA chapter executive directors on 1/10 to discuss events, goals, opportunities, partnership possibilities, etc for 2017. Meeting will include Steve Watts – BMA, Gary Moore – COMBA, Mike Pritchard – RFMBA (Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association)
  - Still trying to confirm dates with NBB for brewery tour Trail Talks event. NBB trying to confirm additional tour leaders to accommodate our potential group size.
  - Meegan Flenniken with Larimer County Natural Resources on 1/20 to discuss upcoming trail projects and funding partnerships
- Met with Randy Potter to discuss project options for Holden family donation. Their primary interest is with the Horsetooth Res south connector trail. The Holden's had a prior home on the west side of Horsetooth Reservoir and Jay and Randy frequently rode their mountain bikes on this section of road to loop around the reservoir. We also discussed potential meetings with Larimer County staff to help facilitate this project request.

- Conducted multiple site visits to evaluate various city parks for new skills parks/trail viability. Several strong possibilities have been identified. Gordon Smith – City Parks liaison from Trails Committee to take the lead on this going forward, but I will continue working with him on this as needed.
- Began 2017 fundraising/total revenue plan
- Area of emphasis for December-January: FUNDRAISING! Exploring funding potential through Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, researching additional general operating fund grant opportunities, continue soliciting businesses for new OMBC Business Partner Program, continue soliciting businesses for ToC festival, solidify OMBC Trails Vision Plan updates with Mick Syzek (necessary for selling partnership program).

### **Overview of Upcoming Trail Projects**

- Kenny presented on the following upcoming trail projects:
  - Around Horsetooth Reservoir connecting to Pine Ridge Natural Area
  - From Cathy Fromme Natural Area to Coyote Ridge Natural Area
  - New Loveland Natural Areas property
  - On the Rocks Trail at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area
  - New intermediate trail at Lory State Park near Arthur’s Rock Trailhead
  - Hewlett Gulch trail improvements
  - Possible trail developments at Lady Moon and Mount Margaret Trailheads
  - Trail work at Red Mountain Open Space
  - Skills park near Lincoln Middle School

### **Topics of Discussion for Future Meetings**

- Social rides
- Dates for future meetings
- Todd’s survey will be discussed at the retreat
- Budget and fund raising

### **Adjournment**

8:45 p.m.