

**Linn Area Mountain Bike Association
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30-9:00 May 16th, 2023
1921 51st Street, Cedar Rapids**

Board Present: Rob McK, Wes P, Leah F, Chad M, George G, Justin S, Logan A, Mollie L, Jenny L, Max L

I. Call to Order and Welcome 6:30

II. Recurring Business

- a. April Meeting minutes approved.
- b. Have two functioning PO box keys, Rob and Jenny each have one.
- c. Electronic board approvals from the past month: Up to \$3500 approved for Justin to buy trailer for Wanatee. Ideally movable, with a ramp that one person can maneuver. Also Little Sister Phase Two for \$1700 see below for plan.
- d. Membership status – Leah: Current for May: 167 Goal 200
 - i. April: 164 Mar: 163 Feb: 152 Jan: 137 Dec: 139 Nov: 140
 - ii. Current roster excel sheet put into My Drive> Membership folder
"2023-05-16 roster"
- e. Treasurer Report –
 - i. Jenny revamping reports, much more intuitive. One for checking, one for savings. The YTD actual columns will fill the budget projection form. Will put on drive before each meeting to be added to minutes.
 - ii. Checking- April 30 bank balance: \$5483.66 April \$5868.35
 - iii. Main Savings- May 1: \$20,256.92 April: \$20,439.42 March: \$19,714.55
 - iv. Working Savings- \$5 "gravity" account? Jenny to close and move into regular checking.
 - v. PayPal \$0
 - vi. Jenny working up auto thank you email from Benevity site
 - vii. Groomer GoFundMe needs to be closed and money put into bank account.
 - viii. Look into a high yield interest savings account option?

III. Status Updates

- a. Fundraising/Grants:
 - i. Realty grant: Mollie met with Kevin Platz, very supportive. Need to set up time with Ken for design. \$7500, has to be spent within 1 year of award. Plan is Aspen trailhead/trail work and signage. Emma to do rendering.
 - ii. Mollie submitted a New Belgium Fat Tire Brewing grant for \$5000 3/30. Sac and Fox signage. They responded this week, not selected.
 - iii. IMBA has a fund matching program called Dig In. It is targeted for \$10-15k programs but if you are selected to market your project through this, Shimano will match \$5k on your \$5k raised. The Dig In grant is available twice a year, once in Q1 and again in Q3. The application for Q1 2024 projects will open in November
 - iv. LAMBA is registered for Iowa Bicycle Coalition's Big Bike Give 5/23.
<https://www.bigbikegive.org/>
- b. Community partnerships:

- i. 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting for the Comprehensive Trails Plan
- c. Social Media:
 - i. Still need to send out BoD changes message through Facebook
 - ii. GoDaddy for LAMBAONLINE.ORG renews every April for 2 years, due again in 2025. George has password access now. It redirects to linnareamtb.org, our current website address.
- d. Equipment:
 - i. Newest mower got a new battery 5/16
- e. Land Partner discussions: - Rob
 - i. LCC Meeting with Dennis Goemert scheduled for 1:30 5/23 at Pinicon Ridge. Wes, George, and Rob going.
 - ii. Kesha Billings at City of Marion suggested meeting with Brent Neighbors - Rob to setup
 - iii. Rob met with Mitch 4/26.
 - iv. Suggest holding board strategy session after all three meetings are complete
- f. Swag order: Rob asked Tony to open our store with a hat with LAMBA logo. Wes going to manage. LCTA using Level10 currently.

IV. Trail Reports - Trail Stewards

- a. Beverly - Wes:
 - i. Foundations camp reported to city, 4/27, cleared by 5/5. Non-emergency #s posted to FB to let public know who to call. (For Wanatee, it's ranger Jason Baumann.)
 - ii. Dirtbiker witnessed and reported to CR police, pic emailed to h.kephart@cedarrapids.org Need to look at signage to prevent motorcycles entering through service road?
 - iii. Paid for bathroom at Beverly \$156.35 Service 04/13 to 05/04 and delivery
 - iv. Mowing started 5/16, bridge work to be started.
 - v. Little Sister Phase Two: Andrew B, Max L: Adding a three stage set of drops for progressive learning. Costs: ~\$600 for materials. Mini-excavator rental from Rexco is \$2,500 for a month. Eli and his brother Josh would like to contribute \$300 each towards that cost plus give us free delivery/pickup. Andrew volunteered to run the excavator, in addition to his time, he and Laura would like to donate \$1,000 and all the excavator fuel towards the project. The total cost of the project is estimated at around \$3,300. After the donations approximately \$1,700 cost.
- b. Sac and Fox - Rob:
 - i. Aspen: Still need to schedule a grand opening and clean up the Rosedale entrance.
 - 1. Leah pulled garlic mustard 5/14 2 hrs volunteer
 - ii. Birch: Creek Hugger mostly open. BYTs doing some bench cutting. CG opened an alternate line past Tiffany Earl's and bench cutting on Creek Hugger.
 - iii. Ash: Mow 5/17 and the rest in a week or so
- c. Wanatee Park - Noel:

- i. Gravity trail: Close to 50% done. George has flagged for the oak berm, ~60'. \$3500ish ballpark if we paid for everything outright. Hall willing to donate for some sponsor logoage, maybe wood burned onto boards? Wanatee needs to OK. Motion to approve \$3500 unanimously passed. George will manage GoFundMe.
 - ii. Red Cedar hedge trimmed to cull thorny vines. 4 hours volunteer work Irene started.
- d. Creek Confluence - Mike scouting out spots for new trails, he has Ken's design plan. Idea for one just north of current trail. Needs signs.
- e. Chad to finalize the volunteer time QR code reporter/recorder.

V. Club Events

- a. Events recap:
 - i. IWMBD was May 6th 8-10am at Beverly Park. 3.3 mile perimeter route pre-marked Fri night. Rained overnight, so did skills in parking lot then short ride. 10 total participated. Bagels donated by Shelter Insurance; juice, coffee, and other supplies by Leah. All info in Drive>Events>Women's MTB day 2023. 10 riders, one new membership and \$3 rec'd. Approx 23 volunteer hours total. Chalk paint worked well to mark trees.
 - ii. 5/7 Trail Work Sunday at Beverly got everything done.
- b. LAMBA TTs hosted by Laura Bigler. M/W divisions, 4-5 trials over the summer at various parks. Run like ICORR's. Must be a member to have runs count. Leah will help. 5/3 email. Folder created in drive>events>2023 LAMBA Time Trials
- c. LCTA bike corral LAMBA board volunteer one day? 5/27, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, or 8/19 Rob will send out sign up genius. Also alternating opportunities for Marion farmers markets.
- d. Aspen Grand Opening event?
- e. Beverly Trail Jam Sunday July 16th: Logan: Just several group rides like XC, technical, kids, free ride jam in gravity area. DJ?
- f. Creek Confluence June?: family trail day Mike C?
- g. Wanatee August: George: model after the Sundero event?

VI. New Business

- a. Preparation for LAMBA "Next Trail" Strategy Session
 - i. Chad leading meeting, reschedule after meetings with Dennis and Kesha
 - ii. Everyone to review survey data and think about the plan.
- b. Need to add Trail Steward for half of Sac and Fox. Asking Bob Thompson, Kelle and Dan also interested.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Future Board meeting dates: June 20th, July 18th, August 15th