

SORBA FALL 2020 BOD Meeting
(Virtual)
11/21/2020

Welcome: Paul Stahlschmidt - President

Paul and Brian Monitoring the Chat box and will hope to answer any questions and add to the minutes.

Impressive time for SORBA with membership and continued success stories

Big Congratulations to everyone for their hard work through this pandemic

Tom - Spring meeting will have parting comments and words of wisdom.

Roll Call : Brian Hann- Secretary

We Have a quorum

Approval of Minutes: Brian Hann - Secretary

Rambo moves to approve

CVA SORBA Second

Minutes Pass

New Chapter Presentation: Terry Palmeri

Shoals MTB out of Florence Alabama Eero Wilson

Been working with huntsville as a sub chapter

Have a MOU in Downtown Florence for a park called Wildwood Park

Have state land opportunities as well

Currently have 60 members

MSfits: Mississippi Bryan Crawford

Were part of SAMBA, now becoming their own chapter

Two trail systems in Harrison County

Bethel trails are closed due to hurricane zeta

Working on a chainsaw class to get the trails back open

Want to create more places to ride in their coastal area

Want to have more social events and connect with the community

Motion To Adopt by Brett Davidson of Atlanta, Brad Wender Rambo Seconds

No objections and the motion passes and welcome to the club

This brings SORBA to 48 chapters

Terry and Angela: Presentation of the Budget for 2021

Slide show to be added to the minutes

Tom: Teeing up Brian and Paul to stick around

Election of Officers:

Mark Arcell - President

Mary Ann Swanstrom - VP

Angela Allen- Treasurer and Georgia Rep

Jim Grover- Secretary and NC Rep

Peter Davis - Florida Rep
Jason Scott- SC Rep
Tom Nelson - Alabama Rep
Kyle Ragan - TN Rep

Motion to accept this slate of nominations for the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
Term starts Jan 1 2021 and ends December 31 2022
Travis Hutchins makes the Motion to Accept
Jeff Ryozycki from BUMP to make the second
Motion Passes and Welcome to the EXEC Committee!!!!

SORBA Updates
48 Chapters
We have over 3,000 miles of trail we steward
50k plus volunteer hours
Building over 200 miles of trail right now
Over 1,000 miles of new trail opportunities

Sharon housekeeping
MUST FILE YOUR 990's

Brian and Paul: TOMS VIDEO.

March 21st Spring meeting is tentatively scheduled in Tallahassee
Not looking like it will happen but hopefully it will

Tom: Pisgah/Nantahala Forest Plan
Compromise with SAWS and Wilderness Society let to an amazing collaboration to speak with one uniform voice.

Julie White - Partnership Description. Very diverse group of people with different interests in the NF. Came up with a list of recommendations. Recreation Subcommittee was very strong. The Forest Service is very hesitant to bring on more recreational activities/amenities.

We will see what comes out of the final plan but we will have more opportunities than not because of this partnership. Tom and Julie's presence is key to the success of this collaborative effort.

Tom recognizes Julie for all of her work, it could not be possible without her.

They have submitted all their comments and are currently working on the final plan. Hopefully sometime this spring, the final plan will be presented to the public and public comment will begin.

In the meantime the partnership is meeting on a bi-monthly basis and preparing to review the FS Plan.

Rec committee is working to be involved in the Pre-scoping level with the forest service.

Julie - While she has our attention - really exciting project in the Old Fort area. Pre-scoping phase of this. IMBA is involved. A proposed map is up and looking for comments. Link in chat.

Tom - gift for Julie at Motion Makers!

Paul - Thanks to Julie for her work. This partnership group and this precedent setting. It needs to be replicated for for other Forest Service planning projects

Matt Able - USFS Acting Region 8 Recreation Manager, standing in for Deb Caffin

GAOA

Just finalized and released FY2021 Projects. Hasn't seen the full list. He has seen the Daniel Boone list

FY22 project submittals were due last week. In the Washington office for review. Region 8 trail projects were good especially the NC projects. Turn around for FY22 projects should be much quicker. Things that were not selected by the Washington office will still have an opportunity to get funded through some non designated regional funds. The application process was really geared towards towards rec locations and facilities. FY23 and beyond should see more trail projects getting funded.

Paul - how much \$\$ is going to FS vs NPS?

Matt - Its about 85% going to NPS (Dept of interior) 17million coming to region 8. Most of the funding is campgrounds, water systems, etc etc. Keeping back 1-2 million for trail projects for all of region 8.

E-bikes

Comment period closed. Still considers them as motorized but creates a new designation in the system. Will potentially allow line officers to decide whether they want to allow ebikes in their system. Should come out mid 2021 but you don't know if there will be litigation.

Terry - if a trail gets designated for e-bikes does it allow motorized other than e-bikes?

Matt: NO. and only Class 1

Brian - Will NEPA be necessary for to designate

Matt: Yes but it will basically be public comment and a CE

USAGE

Usage in region 8 has essentially DOUBLED due to Covid.

FS Personnel Changes

Chris Sproll is set to retire. Wishes us well and loves us as partners. He is gone Dec 31. And they are already filling that position.

James Malonis will be the new NC forest supervisor.

Loosing Tina Tilly - First supervisor out of LBL

Forest Supervisor on the Boone is set to retire by the end of the year.

Congrats to tom and the USFS really appreciates the partnership that Tom as fostered over the years.

Mark Gatehouse: would be good if we considered a way to have a class where we can have the certified sawyers to certify other volunteers as opposed to using two rangers all the time.

Tom: We left Anthony Duncan off the agenda

Duncan : IMBA Local

In the planning portion of the year for 2021

Dig in application period is open. Application is in your dashboard for Q1 2021

Projects will have a 2k match. Projects must be ready before July 2021.

SORBA Chattanooga raised 12k for their project. Application period ends NOV

30th.

Tom: At this point, we have exhausted the agenda.

Paul, Brian and I will be SORBA cheerleaders and will not disappear.

Paul: Meeting Adjourned.

