

Forsyth Off Road Bicycle Association (FORBA) Steering Committee Meeting



Date: April 6, 2021 7:00pm ET

Attendees: Jake Easter, Jacob Weinberg, Eddy Zuber, JD McNoldy, Amy Easter

Discussion Notes:

- Debrief last month's workdays
 - Hobby April 13 workday had about 10 volunteers who worked on a few drainage issues and built more of the bridge. It was noted there is still a tree, near Clemmons Rd, that needs to be taken down after the bridge is done.
 - Tanglewood workday was rained out.
- Update from each trail leader
 - Poison ivy is starting to creep up at Horizons so we need to be proactive this summer (i.e. spray). Will work with the County to determine the best approach.
 - No update on Tanglewood.
 - Hobby is in pretty good shape. Need to finish the bridge and then tackle some drainage issues.
- Plan next workday
 - Saturday, April 10 at 9am - Hobby. Planning to finish the bridge. If it's too rainy we will postpone to the following Saturday (4/17). Will need 100ft of chicken wire and hammerable staples, along with more lumber for decking. Once the bridge is complete we'll do some promotions to let the public know. There will be a new sign at the bridge and trailhead and we'll update trailforks to reflect the new route.
 - Saturday, April 24 at 9am - Horizons. Will focus on trimming. Also need to move a small bridge to the area by reroute to address drainage/erosion issue.
- Admin updates
 - We received copy of the Piedmont Fat Tire Society Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Greensboro. We will leverage this to get MOU set up with the County, and then hopefully the City.
 - We received approval from IRS for 501(c)3 tax exempt status!! We're officially a non-profit!
 - We've brought in more than \$1000 in donations since January 2021 and collected \$500+ in new and sustaining membership this year. This is really great and allows us to keep up the website, purchase tools, and get supplies for projects. Thanks to all the members and donors!!
 - FORBA is now set up as an admin on trailforks (for Forsyth County trails). Work in progress to update trails so they are accurate and include points of interest. Will be updating status (i.e. closing after rain) and plan to use this tool for reporting and tracking issues (i.e. sharing with the County for awareness). There are lots of features and functionality like widgets the city/county could add to their sites and we'll be working to use these more in the coming months.
 - It was noted that new trails are being built at Salem Lake without City permission. We don't know who exactly the builders are but they are not associated with FORBA. We'd would like to connect with the builders to bring them into the organization so we can work together on sanctioned trails. Salem Lake trails can remain on trailforks but will show as unsanctioned.