

WMBC Board Meeting Date: August 13th, 2018

Present

Board/Staff: Eric, Kevin, Barbara, Val, Kayla, Char, Jeff, Ryan

Board Members not present: Heather, Bill

Guests: Javon, Angela, Leslie Bryson, Andrew

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Public Comments and Introductions		
Director of Education Report	<p>*Superfeet: Barbara and I presented to the entire Superfeet Marketing team (20 people total) up on Galbraith. What a great spot for a meeting! They were interested in hearing about WMBC/Galbraith. It was an engaging conversation. Look forward to hearing the results from this meeting.</p> <p>*Applied for a grant to Superfeet for youth trail corps and rodeos. 23K</p> <p>*Interview with Micah who will be publishing an article on what the WMBC does in the Klipsun which is a WWU publication.</p>	

\*Upcoming Pump Track Field Trip: August 28, Bill Hasenjaeger driven event. Zoae Spackman, myself and whoever else will help out with some skills. Gotta figure some of these people might not ride a bike at all..

\*Youth Trail Corps:  
New programming: (Grant dependant.)  
Shaping program for Andy Basabe's  
VamosOutdoors project:

Options High School program: same format:  
Combination of Trail Building and Mountain Bike skills. 6 meetings, each one ½ trail build day, ½ mountain bike clinic. Am reaching out to March Northwest on covering mountain bike coaching. Fleet of bikes available through BPS. Working on coordinating usage of this fleet.  
Ongoing question: do we want to pursue having our own bike fleet?

\*Scheduling, plans and logistics for ongoing YTC/Fall.  
3 YTC planned days this fall..7 total through spring  
Charge \$150 for year, \$25 per day. This will help cover costs. Scholarships available.  
New outreach focus: Reaching out to diverse groups. Promotion of program through all middle schools. Need to work on bike riding/skills component for those that are new to mountain biking so that they can ride up to trail day and back down safely, as well as introduce to sport of mountain biking.

	<p>WMBC Fall newsletter will have a blurb about volunteers interested in working with youth. With new tuition, would like to pay dedicated volunteers.</p> <p>*YMCA: reached out to WMBC about partnering with us. Meeting with activities coordinator to discuss.</p> <p>*TKMBD October 6: WMBC's role this year is for Javon and myself to coordinate the logistics of the day. Chris/RRAD will run his Rodeo, Darren Clark will sponsor him. March Northwest teens will be there for entertainment and skill stations. We will keep to similar format. This year we will only offer rides around lake, h</p>	
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<p>Trail Director</p>	<p><b>Galbraith Update –</b> Leslie and I have met and chatted several times now about the management agreement.</p>	<p>Follow up with PSE regarding poles to be moved.</p>
<p>Report</p>	<p><b>Galbraith Celebration:</b> I'm trying to find a weekend in late September/early October works for Leslie, Rob, the Mayor and us. Rob and co. want to have it up on the hill. TBD on date.</p> <p><b>Parking Lot:</b> We met with County Public Works Director (Jon Hutchings) and not heard back yet about how we want to navigate the waters of permitting. JP and I are drafting an email for Leslie, so she can send a follow up reminder.</p> <p><b>Cougar Ridge / County Parks:</b> This will need a big push for the next 6 weeks and we'll plan to be out there at least 2 days a week. Dale Shahan is leading part of this effort and I'm going to lean on the other trail builders a bunch to help lead some days over there.</p> <p><b>Blanchard Celebration 9/16:</b> I'll need some folks who can help lead/sweep rides on September 16<sup>th</sup> from the Lower Blanchard trailhead up to the Samish Overlook. The routes will depend on riders fitness, but will be anywhere from 4-7 miles (one way).</p> <p><b>City Parks:</b> I walked through Whatcom Falls with City Parks to assess the "rogue biker trails" and most of them are, in fact, hiking cut-throughs. We even saw several hikers using them when we were out there. All bikers were using the main trails in the park. That's not to say bikers don't cut through the woods (and the City knows this), but we will do an awareness / PSA campaign around this and we'll help them with some new signage. The city is planning a volunteer day in Whatcom Falls on</p>	<p>Decide on date for celebration.</p>

October 27<sup>th</sup> for Make A Difference Day / Arbor Day and we'll join them for that. The tentative plan is shut some of those cut-throughs down on that day.

**Cordata Park:**

The design / plans for the entire park are at 90% complete. At the last public meeting, they asked for some prioritization on what should go in first – depending on timing of construction, etc. The pump track is one of those items that could be delayed until phase 2, but we'll see.

**Lake Family Trust:**

Easements are recorded and they are so stoked. We are still planning to work on John D Fraser on his little chunk next to their property.

**DNR:**

We need to get some comments to the DNR after the last public meetings. Please see the below alert and share far and wide.

<https://wmbcmtb.org/2018/08/13/advocacy-alert-d-nrs-recreation-plan-draft-your-comments-are-needed/>

Now that the Galbraith Easement is done, the DNR wants to formalize our relationship at the top of Galbraith. I'm working with Brock Milliern and Cory McDonald on this and they are sensitive to the current use and trails on their property. This could be a time-consuming process though...

**USFS:**

Rourke McDermott and I are planning to hike Canyon Ridge on the 29<sup>th</sup> – pending Canyon Creek Road is opened back up. Our plan is to look at the West end of the trail and plan the reroute over there.

**Waterfront / Port of Bellingham:**

	<p>Rob Fix and the Port of Bellingham reached out to me about the idea of a future pump track down on the Waterfront. I'll meet with them when I get back from Whistler, but they are looking at ballpark costs, space needed and efforts for such an endeavor. I've got no idea what they're looking at doing at this point.</p>	
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