

HIMBA Board Meeting Minutes

Wed, Apr. 28th, 2021, 7:30pm, Via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 7:30

Present were Jill, Tom, Taio, Jennifer, Tig, Jeremy, Peggy and Will (joined later)
Absent: Cam and Brett

Consent Agenda:

Jill spoke about the workings of the Consent Agenda. Asked committee chairs to highlight any issues that need discussion at the meeting.

November Minutes - Consented.

Reports:

Finance - Consented but a few items will be discussed later in the meeting.

Membership Engagement - Consented

Trails and Parks Committee - Consented

JoRide - Consented.

Tonight's Agenda - Consented.

President's Report

Jill covered welcome, intros, Committee accomplishments, and acknowledgements.

New Business, Discussions:

T-Shirt Expenditures:

Jer feels that we can easily produce a round of shirts for sale for \$1000.

Tom suggests that the Cyclenaut might be the wrong image.

Much discussion ensued.

ME committee will come up with some designs and share them with the board via email.

MOTION - Jer motioned that an expenditure of up to \$1000 be spent on producing a run of T shirts for the summer season, seconded by Peggy. All were in favour.

ACTION ITEM: **Jer, Tig, et al** - workshop T-shirt designs and run them by the rest of the board.

JoRide:

Jen spoke in favour of giving Ryan an extra top-up to show appreciation for his going far beyond what he was contracted and paid to do.

MOTION - Motioned by Jer, 2nded by Peggy (not sure about that) that we gift Ryan \$1000 Plus \$100 gift certificates to Seabreeze and Forage for a total of \$1200

ACTION ITEM: **Jen** - Gift and \$ to Ryan

Discussion about Joe Ride Insurance: Jennifer points out that while MTB activities are covered by the HIAA insurance, the maximum of 2,000,000 is too low to cover the possible costs of a MTB injury. Tig feels that we do not need insurance due to the Land Occupiers Liability Act, but that in order for the act to protect us we must not have charged an admission to use the facility. HIAA requiring membership to use Joe Ride could be considered an admission fee and opens us up to liability.

ACTION ITEM: **Jen**- Speak to Lorraine re possible \$500 payment to HIAA for insurance/memberships. Can we contribute financially to HIAA in order to help with insurance or to cover off income that would have come to them from Joe Ride users membership fees.

Jill reminded the JoeRide Comm to ensure that maintenance of the skills park will continue throughout the summer season.

Review official stance re motorized traffic on trails (Dirt/E-Bikes:

HIMBA should come up with a position on e-bikes.

From our 2019 AGM:

"Himba's philosophy is that we support 'non-motorized' trails, however we respect (not necessarily 'support') the policies in place for the 2 Parks: e-bikes are allowed on multi-use trails in the Regional Park; and only Class1 e-bikes are allowed in the Provincial Park.

We feel that signage detailing what trails allow e-bikes are needed at the main trail entrances. Suggest that we need to make the designated Multi-use trails more obvious.

From the current HIMBA map:

E-bikes:

The only trails within Mt. Geoffrey Regional Park and the adjacent crown lands that e-bikes are allowed on are the Multi-Use trails. These are Beulah Creek, Northwind, Coldeck, Coltsfoot, & Slade Connector. Only Class 1 e-bikes are permitted to use the trails inside of the Mt Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. Class 1 e-bikes have motors that only work when the rider is pedaling, are not throttle activated and have a

maximum output of 500 watts.

HIMBA does not support e-bikes on hornby trails for most users. The issue for us is that e-bikes allow for many more trips in a session. We have found that a normal fit rider typically makes two or three ascent-descents of Mt. Geoffery in a session, whereas a rider on an e-bike is able to easily do four to six trips up and down the mountain. That's double or triple the trail wear, and as a volunteer organization that already struggles to keep up with the wear and tear of conventional riders, we cannot support an increase in wear due to e-bikes. HIMBA is not opposed the use of e-bikes for older riders and those who, for reasons of physical disability, could not otherwise access the trails. However, HIMBA is a trail advocacy organization and is not in charge of the rules or enforcement regarding Hornby's trails.

Jenifer and Tom feel that we should not make ourselves the e-bike police. We need to communicate with the riders through signage about our goals with regard to the trails and how we would like them to behave.

Good Point from Tom: e-bikes allow one to ride up trails that would normally only be ridden down. This behavior could lead to more accidents, and e-biking up super steep trails could lead to more erosion.

More signage needed to communicate this point.

Jill pointed out a story from Laura Carter that Bowen Island was blindsided by a group of dirt bikers who applied directly to the province for permission to use crown land trails. It sounds like they are probably taking advantage of the existing rules about motorbikes on Crown Land and pointed out their right to ignore the local rules which the Crown Land rules supersede. HI PT Comm discussed changing the designation of our Crown Land so dirtbikes can be officially disallowed, but it's too onerous! Tom notes that our locals have been very cooperative in staying mainly low down on the mountain.

Trail Swap Proposal from Tig

Jill reminded us to keep Brett's viewpoint in mind even though he was unable to attend this meeting. His email stated he was not in favour of the proposal and urges us to keep some more difficult trails on the mountain.

Taio started the conversation. She is in favour of keeping some of our more challenging trails but she does find Kootenay Loop to be terrifying even on foot.

Jer points out that many of the best trails in the world are 10 degree slopes or less. Kootenay is an average of 35 degrees.

Will is in favour of the swap, but he does wish that we had some more gnarly steep trails.

Tom has feedback from some of the more extreme riders who feel that we are lacking in gnar and that HIMBA should go to bat more for the needs of the extreme riders. However, he agrees that a trail leading to the DS should be rideable by the majority of skill levels.

Jen would also like to see some more extreme trails but sees a need for a trail like the one proposed in the swap. If the swap goes ahead she would like the new trail to be as technical as possible.

Jill asked Tig if he needs an answer on the proposal tonight, Tig replied that he does not see any rush. Even once a proposal clears HIMBA it will still take several years to be approved (if it is approved) at the higher levels.

ACTION ITEM: Tig et al - will spend some time this summer walking the area and working out a more specific route.

Multi-use trails Equestrian friendly:

Jer spoke to a representative of the equestrian community and they let him know that the trails are not well designed for horses. In particular the bridges on Beulah creek and Colt's foot are not up to the weight of horses. Without the ability to use Beulah Creek trail, Equestrians do not have access to any loops made up of Multi Use trails. Tom said that the Parks committee was recently made aware of the issue and will work on it.

Website, updated photos & more info.

Jill would like to see more updates and has had some feedback from other users requesting more info about the trail use, etiquette, rules etc. to be posted on the website or social media.

Jen would be happy to get involved in the website. Jer points out we can all do more by tagging photos on Instagram. Jac gave Himba access to the IG acct.

ACTION ITEM: Membership Engagement Committee - get going on more website updates and social media outreach.

Meeting Adjourned 9:28

HIMBA Financial report: April 28, 2021

JoeKing Bike Park Expenses:

Labour for Ryan Bowland: \$9032.42
Rental Machine, sand etc. Steve Gillespie: \$4417.88
Contracting Brett Martens: \$210
Pipe: Tom Rutherford: \$779.01
Accommodation for Ryan in Qualicum Beach: \$161.24
Hornby rental for Ryan's family: \$1600
Total: \$16200.55

Other Expenses:

Printing of maps: \$2876.05
Web Name: \$332.19
Seed for Dual Slalom: \$93.96
Credit Union Shares: \$50
Miscellaneous: \$84.09
Total: \$3436.29

Income:

Sale of Container: \$3300
Donations for Bike Park: \$3925
General Donations: \$600
Map sales: \$852.85
Total: \$8677.85

Amount in account Nov.3 \$16443.14
Amount in account Apr. 28 \$5399.35

I started looking after our account at the Credit Union around Nov. 18. Sasha had made deposits for \$6300 and cheques after Nov. 3 which I am not sure of the details. So I am out by -\$1084.80 to balance my records at this time.

Peggy Kabush
Treasurer

HIMBA Membership Outreach Committee Meeting March 31

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Present:

Taio Samuel and Tig Cross

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Request a maximum of \$1000 for shirt printing.



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DRAFT HIMBA Proposal – Swap Kootenay Loop for a New Trail

Background

With the recent work on the BikeFest Dual Slalom and increase in popularity, it has become apparent that there is a need for a sanctioned trail that is that is sustainable, fun, and usable by most riders that provides access the top of the Dual Slalom.

There are currently two trails that take riders from upper Mt Geoffrey to the top of the BikeFest Dual Slalom course: Kootenay Loop and an un-named trail that was discovered several years ago (hereafter referred to as Un-named). Both of these existing trails follow routes that are too steep to ever be sustainable, and neither is built to modern guidelines

Kootenay Loop begins with a precarious ride around the edge of a cliff-face and plunges 80 meters over only 220 meters of trail for an average grade of 36%, far too steep to be sustainable. Kootenay Loop was built in 1991 and has been an extreme trail from the beginning. While it does have some great history, it can only be ridden by very skilled or foolhardy riders, which makes it a poor choice of access trails for the Dual Slalom.

Un-named drops 90 meters over 400 meters of trail for a grade of 22.5%, also unsustainable. Most sustainable trails are 10% grade or lower.

The Un-named trail is not a part of the legitimate trail system and while some attempts have been made to obscure the entrance, people keep clearing it back out and riding the trail, probably in part due to the fact that it leads to the BikeFest Dual Slalom, which is a very fun ride.

Proposal

HIMBA proposes that a new trail be built to modern guidelines that would start from the same section of Four Dead Aliens as the Un-named trail. In order to keep the overall number of trails the same, we propose that this new trail replace the un-named trail, and be swapped for Kootenay Loop, which would be decommissioned.

It has been proven many times that the best way to convince riders to stop using an unsustainable trail is to replace it with a sustainable trail that offers a better riding experience. This new trail would be just that; fun, with nice flow, and well constructed.

Some of the design criteria that would be used in the creation of this new trail:

- The total elevation change over the proposed route is 90 meters over a distance of 1200 meters for an average grade of 7.5 %
- The trail will be designed as a downhill cycling trail, but will be conducive to cycling and walking in both directions.
- The trail would be built according to current thinking for grade, inslope & outslope, and water management.
- Average grade will be between 5 and 8 % with short sections of 15% grade.
- There will be some crossing of seasonal watercourses, these crossings will be designed to prevent watercourse changes.

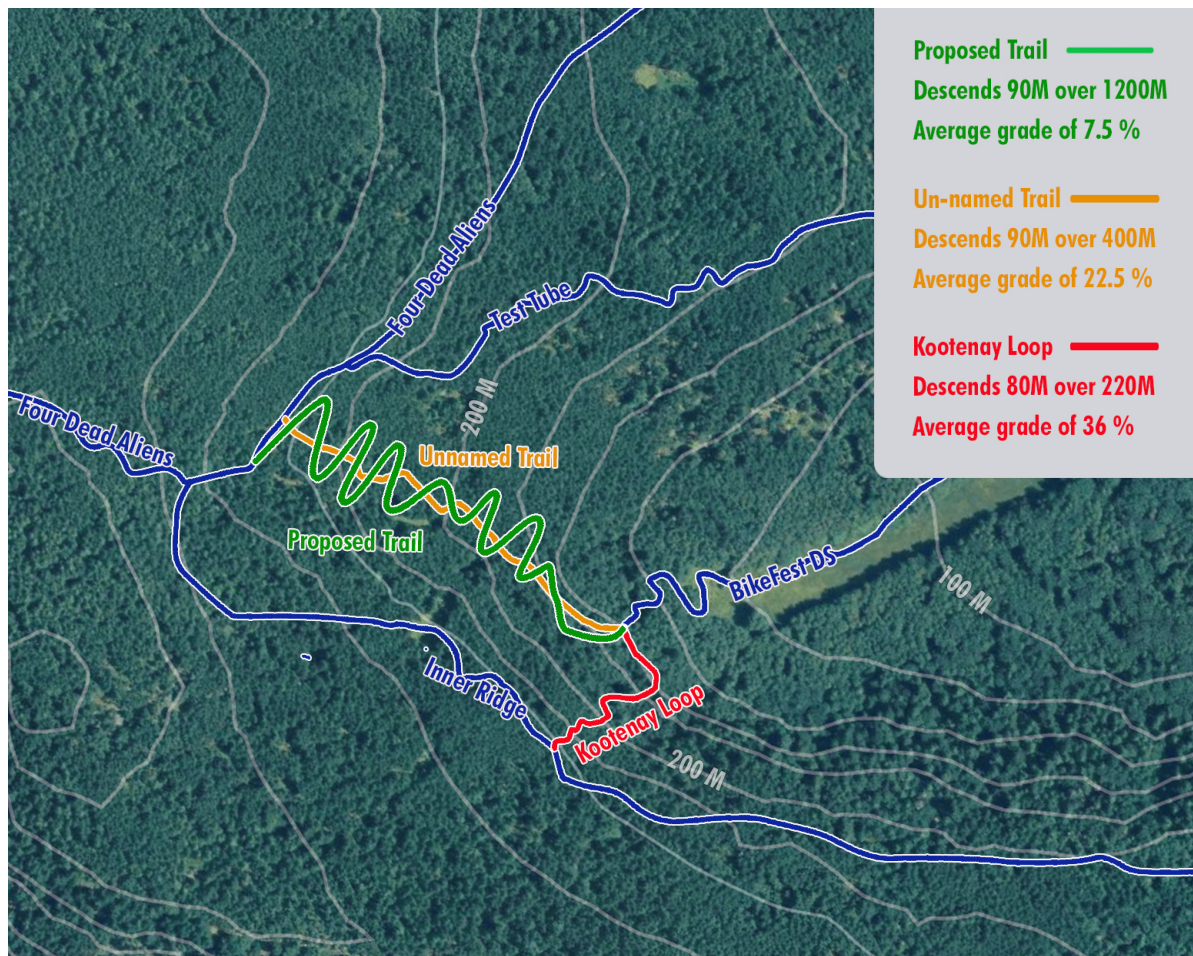
- To our knowledge, no part of the proposed route crosses any sensitive habitat or ecology.

Funding

The new trail will be built with a combination of paid and volunteer work. The machine operator and chainsaw operator would be professionals. The hand finishing work would be done primarily with volunteer labour. HIMBA estimates a budget of twenty thousand dollars (\$20000) would be needed to complete the project. We would be prepared to completely fund this project or co-fund it with the Regional District.

Timeline

It will probably take some time to secure the necessary permissions to construct the new trail, which would provide time for fundraising. HIMBA would like to start work in the Summer or Fall of 2022, and we estimate that rough construction with a small excavator would take three weeks. This would be followed up by several hundred person-hours of hand grooming.



Skills Park Update

Insurance

- Jennifer spoke with Lorraine. HIAA has a very comprehensive Insurance policy.
- HIAA's insurance covers all activities at Joe King.
- covers everyone, whether a member or not.
- HIAA's understanding is that their accident coverage, however, isn't that high. So they recommend that HIMBA gets additional coverage in case of a serious accident at any point.

- Tig spoke with Tara @ Coal Hills Bmx...

"We have an annual policy in place with Oasis Outdoor Sports and Adventure which gives us and the riders coverage should it be needed during non sanctioned events. On top of this our members are also covered with another insurance through the USA/BMX Canada Association. It can be a little bit of a headache trying to get a policy in place, and it can be fairly pricey but we've had the best luck with Oasis and I'm sure they'd be able to help you out."

- Regarding the Occupiers Liability Act (OLA):

Occupiers Liability and the law in BC –

In British Columbia legal exposure for landowners and land managers is outlined in the Occupiers Liability Act (OLA). The [OLA](#) was amended in 1998 primarily to give comfort that routing the TransCanada trail through private property wouldn't expose land owners to lawsuits from trail users. The OLA amendments established a standard so that land owners and managers have exceptionally limited exposure to liability from trail users.

Definitions - "occupier" means a person who

- (a) is in physical possession of premises, or
- (b) has responsibility for, and control over, the condition of premises, the activities conducted on those premises and the persons allowed to enter those premises,

Occupiers' duty of care

3 (1) An occupier of premises owes a duty to take that care that in all the circumstances of the case is reasonable to see that a person, and the person's property, on the premises, and property on the premises of a person, whether or not that person personally enters on the premises, will be reasonably safe in using the premises.

(2) The duty of care referred to in subsection (1) applies in relation to the

- (a) condition of the premises,
- (b) activities on the premises, or
- (c) conduct of third parties on the premises.

(3) Despite subsection (1), an occupier has no duty of care to a person in respect of risks willingly assumed by that person other than a duty not to

- (a) create a danger with intent to do harm to the person or damage to the person's property, or
- (b) act with reckless disregard to the safety of the person or the integrity of the person's property.

...

(3.2) A person who enters any of the categories of premises described in subsection (3.3) is deemed to have willingly assumed all risks and the occupier of those premises is subject only to the duty of care set out in subsection (3) if

- (a) the person who enters is trespassing, or
- (b) the entry is for the purpose of a recreational activity and

- (i) the occupier receives no payment or other consideration for the entry or activity of the person, other than a payment or other consideration from a government or government agency or a non-profit recreational

club or association

- recommend we go with our assessment that the BC Land Occupier's Liability Act protects us + additional coverage under HIAA's policy.

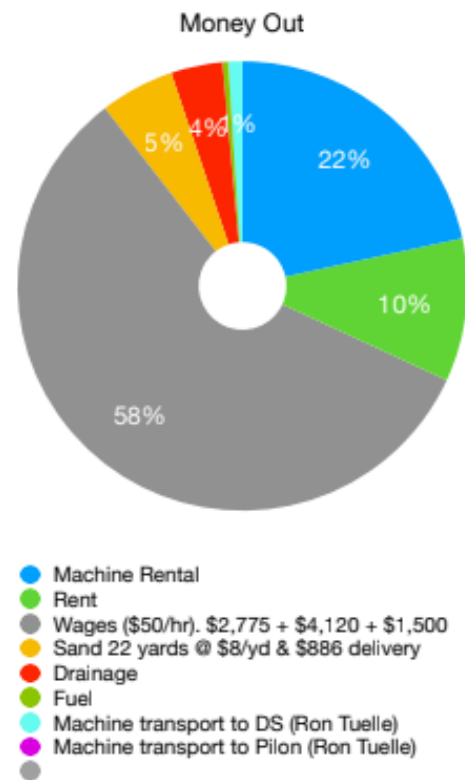
Skills Park Budget

Budget

Money In	
Budget from HIMBA	\$14,000
Aude donation	\$400
NSMC donation	\$2,025
Scott Crosby (Wasserman) donation	\$600
Total Budget	\$17,025

Money Out	
Machine Rental	\$3,146
Rent	\$1,500
Wages (\$50/hr). \$2,775 + \$4,120 + \$1,500	\$8,395
Drainage	\$779
Fuel	\$538
Sand 22 yards @ \$8/yd & \$886 delivery	\$1,054
Machine transport to DS (Ron Tuelle)	\$60
Machine transport to Pilon (Ron Tuelle)	\$150
Plate Compactor (\$150/week)	\$0
Sand transfer @ Joe King (Eben Wamsley)	\$0
Total expenses	\$15,621

Money Left Over	
Budget minus Expenses	\$1,404



Joe King Bike Park Donors

#NSMC

Jamie Yetman	- \$500
Lars Andrews	- \$250
Dave Watson	- \$250
Alex Orr	- \$200
Eric Sewell	- \$200
Tim Orr	- \$200
Michael Costigan	- \$125
Simon Doran	- \$100
Jamie Houssain	- \$100
Matt Hunter	- \$50
Cam Grieve	- \$50

Other

Aude Beauchamp	- \$400
Scott Crosby (Wasserman)	- \$600

Total	- \$3,025
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Joe Ride Final numbers:

\$17,025	<i>total budget</i>
<u>\$15,621</u>	<i>total expenses</i>
\$1404	<i>left over.</i>

- *recommendation to pay an additional \$1200 to Ryan Bowman for countless volunteer hours above & beyond his budgeted time to bring the Skills Park to where it is today.*

- *thanks to Steve Gillespie for the graphic & budget info.*

Signage

- *Thanks to Jer, Ryan & Brett for getting the big sign put up at Joe Ride.*

- confirm location... at base/bottom of highest level ramp to jumps, parallel to adjacent path?

Volunteer Work Party

- Sunday march 14, 2021 - big group turn-out to get the finishing touches on the tracks at Joe Ride. Lots of raking to get rid of the extra sand on the ramps & skills tracks + moving dirt to fill in the lower lying spots (that collected some water). Steve & Ryan finished the day on their own, adding cement to the ramps, tracks & berms to hold it all together (being that Ryan was mostly working with dirt/sand & not clay).

- the park is great! SO much positive feedback from all the users so far. Woot, woot!!!

- so cool to see Jer's original vision come to life. Huge thanks to Jer & co for planting the seed so many years ago, to Steve for thinking of getting Ryan here & to Ryan for his mad skills park building skills & hours of volunteer work.

New Logo

- Jer created our new logo...

The logo for Joe Ride Bike Skills Park. The words "Joe Ride" are written in a large, bold, black, cursive-style font. Below "Ride", the words "Bike Skills Park" are written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font.

Trails Volunteer Work

Since Jan 17, 2020, 85 person hours of work have been done on 6 different trails, (not incl. JoeRide): Dual Slalom, Spasm Chasm, Toad's Ride, Hidden Valley, Bitchin' Camero, and Genuine Draft. My intention is to hold Sunday work parties each week as conditions permit (enough soil moisture.)

No activity to report from 'Adopt-a-Trail members.

Parks and Trails Committee Update

- Yana has signed a 3 yr. contract with Regional District, approved by PT Comm
- We sent a conditional letter of support to Chris Winter of Big Mtn. Adventures for his proposal. The conditions are largely mirroring HIMBA's concerns about the proposal. Chris has indicated that if he gets RD approval, the earliest activity he would pursue will be a Fall women-only camp.
- We have 2 new members, Amanda Zielinski and Leslee Richards, who are replacing Sasha LeBaron and Brian Kittleson. Betty Kennedy, our chairperson has indicated that she will serve for one more year.
- We are having ongoing but not very fruitful discussions about the use of e-bikes on our trails. There will soon be several more 'Non-Motorized Traffic Only' and 'No Dirtbikes/ATVs' signs installed, one on Summit below Beaver Slide and possibly extra signs at Slade Rd entrance.
- Daniel May, our RD liaison, will work with PT Comm to develop a trail naming/designation signage policy that will be implemented in 2023.
- Daniel has also notified us that RD is hiring a biologist to identify 'fragile/endangered ecosystems in our Crown land and Regional Park. Therefore he has suggested that no new trails be built until study is complete.