

HIMBA Board Meeting Minutes Thursday November 4th 7:30 p.m.

The meeting commenced at 7:35 via Zoom.

Present were Peggy Kabush,
Jill Candlish, Tig Cross, Tom Rutherford, Cam Duke, Will Wood McDonnell, Jennifer
Armstrong & Brett Martens.

Taio Samuel was absent due to fire practice.

Presidents opening remarks- Jill Candlish

Jill asked the members for new business to add to the agenda and to agree to the consent agenda. The reports as consented are detailed below the meeting notes.

Trails committee- consented
Finance committee - consented
Membership Outreach Committee- Consented.

Jill thanked the Committee chairs for their work on the reports.

Jill let the board know that she was stepping down from her roll as president and to remind board members that there is room on the board for one more member with her absence. It is her hope that we will continue to work toward a gender and demographic balanced board.

New Business:

AGM Preparation and discussion

Jill let the board know that Jennifer Armstrong is willing to step into the roll as president.

Jill suggest that the Board stay at 9 members. Those interested in joining the board could start to learn the ropes as members of sub committees.

Jennifer let us know that Mike Hayse would be interested in joining the HIMBA board and that she has two people interested in joining the Membership Outreach Committee.

Jill suggests that at the AGM the membership elects the board, people express interest in joining a committee and then after the general membership has signed off, the board elects the officers and we finalize the committee memberships. There was general agreement on to this strategy.

Jennifer asked if we could create a new committee, she suggests that we form a Merchandise Committee to provide more focus on our fundraising streams. There was

agreement that there should be a group focused on fundraising and merchandise sales but no action was taken to form a new committee. (could this be a job for an Ad-Hoc Committee?)

Tom voiced a question about the timing of how the board members are to be elected. This led to a general discussion of how our committees would function, whether we should save some space on our board for interested parties from the AGM.

We held a vote on the number of board members and the majority felt that 9 members was the right amount.

Jen voiced her hopes that the board membership would maintain a gender and age balance. Jill agrees we should try to keep that going.

ACTION - Board members will complete Doodle poll soon so we can set a date Dec 6,7,or 8

Bike Races

Tig let the committee know that he has a lot on his plate and might not be able to commit to a full BikeFest and that perhaps an Enduro might be a better option for this year.

Tom is concerned for the trail system and the impact that any race would create, especially if that race took place in June and the trails were already dry and loose.

Brett suggested perhaps an Enduro in May would be a better option. Brett spoke in support of a bikefest as it was such a fun and inclusive family/community event.

Jeremy voiced his desire to put on the No Horses Race in May.

Jen thinks that while COVID is still a thing we should think carefully about whether a full fledged BikeFest is a good idea. Due to the closer proximity of the competitors.

Will supports a BikeFest because of the unique vibe but also supports an Enduro as a first step.

Jill supports Tig's suggestion in his report that we can build on events like HimbaQ with races, and JoRide events, etc

The group agrees that an event for 2022 would be good but it should be an Enduro, this will allow HIMBA to keep a hand in the race game but is less of a time commitment than a full-fledged BikeFest.. an Ad-Hoc Race Committee will be formed. Tig will ask for interested parties to let him know if they wish to sit on the race committee.

ACTION - Tig will chair Ad-hoc Race committee meeting- interested members - Tig, Brett, Will and Cam

E-Bikes

Jill brought up e-bikes. we have been discussing e-bikes and we should have a position prepared before the AGM. She reiterated the current HIMBA position on e-bikes.

HIMBA's Current Position:

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. We do not support the use of e-bikes for young and fit riders due to the extra distances covered and the resulting additional wear and tear on the trail system.

Tom let us know that the RD allows for a 500W max on their trails and that the Prov. park allows for class B e-bikes on all trails. He pointed out that HIMBA's position is just that, only a position, with no legal standing. The HIRRA Parks Committee is not in favour of more signage. we will need to be careful and calculated on where we place signage.

Will W-M likes the current HIMBA position on e-bikes.

Jill notes that we have a position and that we would need a large majority of the board to agree on any changes to it. Tom clarified that

Cam suggested we look into what other mountain biking areas are doing re e-bikes.

Peggy suggest using the current maps at trailheads with colour coding to denote e-bike friendly trails.

Cam wonders what the specific issue with e-bikes is. He supports more communication about our position.

Brett, has mixed feelings about e-bikes. We don't actually have any authority to enforce a no e-bikes policy and Brett doesn't think we should play cop. There was general agreement with this sentiment.

Jer: Perhaps signs saying "not recommended for e-mtbs" at the entrances to steeper/ more technical trails

. Are there changes to modern trail building practices we could employ to prepare the trails for more e-bike traffic? What are other trail groups doing?

We will form an Ad-Hoc committee. Cam will chair and Tom, Tig, and Jen are interested in sitting on the committee. Interested parties will email Cam.

ACTION - Tom will look further into the wording on the signs already existing at main entrances.

ACTION Cam will chair Ad-Hoc committee meeting.
The Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Please see committee reports below.

Committee Reports

Financial Report

Prepared by Peggy Kabush, Treasurer.

Account balance April 30: \$5483.10

Expenses:

- Materials for Joe Ride to Brett: \$45.65
- Appreciation gifts to Ryan & Steve: \$1400
- Purchase of socks: \$2142 (\$1260 - \$882)
- HIMBA Q: \$202.56

Income:

- Purchase of maps: \$2594.90 So we are -\$281.15 for maps but we still have 1168 maps left plus a few at the gas bar.
- Purchase of socks: \$2650 So the profit is \$508 but Brett may still have some small socks left.
- Donations from Trail Forks: \$260.64 There is also \$13.96 in PayPal but it can't be transferred to our account until there is more money there.
- Other donations: \$1095
- PayPal verification: \$.22

Balance in the account Oct. 21: \$8293.65

Trail Report:

Prepared by Tom Rutherford

The trail crew would like to request a \$500 budget for hand tools. Good macleods (We are down to one), shovels and a maddock.

Probably the most important change has been the creation of the Trails Spreadsheet which will be and has already been helpful for us to get a clearer picture of what trails we have targeted for working on and to keep a running info-log on the activities.

Using the Trails Character chart that we created in 2020 in combination with the spreadsheet is a big step forward towards putting more structure into the work party efforts.

So far since the start of 2021 there have been 216 volunteer person hours put

toward trail maintenance and repair/re-alignment. That has involved 15 different trails and 28 different people who have volunteered. Thanks to everyone who has taken time out of their busy lives to join in.

HIMBA Membership Outreach Committee Report

Meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Present were: Brett Martens, Jeremy Payne, Will Wood-McDonnell & Tig Cross. Taio was unable to attend as she was off-island.

Brett gave a report about socks sales:

We spent \$2594.90 on socks and so far have made \$508 in profit. Large Socks sold out almost instantly. We have 19 pairs of kids small left, and 8 pairs of medium left.

Next year we will order mostly large or the manufacturers one-size-fits-all version and focus on the best price break for quantity of socks ordered. We feel that we could probably sell the majority of an order of 250, especially if it was delivered early in the tourist season.

- If we order 250 pairs, the price is \$8.00 a pair.
- If we order 100 pairs, the price is \$12.00
- MOC suggests 250.

Implementing small QR code aluminum donation signs

We are going to go ahead with some small Aluminum signs that allow trail users to scan a trailside QR code and make a donation via our PayPal site. We did consider that the location of the signs must be in places that actually have cell service. It would also be good if the QR code signs were positioned with trail maps to aid in their visibility. Location suggestions are:

- Top of Slade Road
- Top of Summit trail.
- If cell service is present, perhaps at the intersection of Summit/Beaverslide/Bench Connector
- Top of Slalom, perhaps on the bench at the cliff edge.

The QR code has been generated and sent to Jer for a sign layout. Brett is going to check Cell service in some of the locations on his next few rides.

Goal is to proceed now and have the signs up well before the 2022 riding season.

Maps

The MOC is concerned that we are not generating as much revenue via the map as we should. One concern is that the maps at the Gas Bar do not have much oversight.

Will W-M is going to look into a dispenser that requires a bit more work to take a map, and a clearer message about the maps being by-donation. Perhaps one that has a lid that requires lifting to access the maps.

Tig is going to look into having a larger single-sided print of the map done for distribution as rolled up posters. Perhaps sell for \$10 for a 18 X 24 inch size.

BikeFest

- MOC is in favour of presenting a BikeFest, final decision is up to the entire HIMBA Board.
- Date will be June 18-19 2022
- Suggested entry fee of \$100 for adults, \$80 for under 16.
- Perhaps a family price? three entries in the same family for \$240? (have to talk to Chris about the logistics of this.
- A note that was not discussed: It may be difficult for Tig to organize the event as he has some pressing family matters that may not be resolved by June.

HIMBA-Q

The HIMBA-Q was a great success and the MOC is in favour of doing it again next year. Some suggestions:

- Perhaps two different events, one at Joe Ride, one at the DS course.
- Joe Ride event could be time-trials and a jump contest?
- Make a clear separation between the riding time and the hang-out time.
- one event in early July, the other in late August?