

HIMBA Executive Meeting February Thursday February 12, 7:30 PM

In attendance: Peggy Kabush, Rob White, Will Wood-McDonnell, Kayt Chambers, Tig Cross

Quick recap

The meeting focused on updates and discussions regarding trail work, website changes, and upcoming events on Hornby Island. Tig provided an update on the trail work for the Enduro race, highlighting progress and challenges, including a deviation from the agreed plan with Daniel May, which was resolved amicably. The website is being reorganized, with plans to add a page on e-bike etiquette, and Tig requested feedback from the board. Rob shared insights from a recent park and trails meeting, including the formation of a new equestrian group and discussions on trail signage and access. Updates on the upcoming mountain running race and the Island Cup Enduro were shared, with Tig emphasizing the need for volunteers and addressing logistical concerns. The conversation ended with a reminder about the next trail day and a plan to schedule the next executive meeting via email.

Next steps

- Tig: Send out text of proposed e-bike/riding etiquette page to HIMBA executive for review before adding to website
- All executive members: Review updated HIMBA website and provide feedback, especially regarding new e-bike/etiquette page
- Tig: Send email to set date for next executive meeting (approximately 3 months from now)
- Tig: Organize call for Enduro race marshals/volunteers through HIMBA network and Hornby Facebook pages
- Trail team (Tig, Tom, and volunteers): Conduct next trail work day on March 14-15, including machine work on Saturday and volunteer day on Sunday
- Tig: Schedule mowing of dual slalom course before Enduro event during May trail day or other day
- Rob: Research different trailhead signage options and coordinate with equestrian group and Daniel May

Yer Mom Trail Deviation and Safety Adjustments

The team discussed a deviation from an agreed plan with Daniel, who initially had concerns but did approve their decision to move a trail 15 meters and create three trails instead of two. Tig explained that the change was made for safety reasons, as it avoids areas with large trees that riders could hit. The project is not yet complete, and the team plans to continue work on March 14th, moving their volunteer day to Sunday due to a mountain running race on Saturday. They agreed that finishing the trail by the upcoming riding season is not a priority, as it was always intended to be a longer-term project.

Trail Maintenance

The group discussed trail conditions, with Tig reporting that the Double Cross trail is running well and Rob confirming daily use, while Purgatory and Bitchin' Camaro trails need maintenance.

Tig announced website updates, including a planned new page about e-bike policies and trail etiquette, and Rob shared information about a new equestrian group and the need for improved trail signage.

Trail Access and Equestrian Rights

The group discussed trail access and usage with an equestrian group, who expressed interest in expanding access points and improving signage, particularly for the Sawyer Jesse trail which is currently too narrow for horse access. They identified that horses have the right-of-way when encountering other trail users as it is easier for hikers and bike riders to move off to the side of the trail. It was mentioned by Tig that that many Hornby trails were originally established by horseback riders.

Mountain Race Planning Discussion

The group also touched on an upcoming mountain running race scheduled for March 14th, which HIMBA is in support of, but is taking a wait-and-see approach to involvement rather than becoming an official sponsor or beneficiary.

The group discussed a mountain running race organized by Mike LaBelle, who impressed the Parks & Trails committee with his confidence and independence. They noted that the race would involve a 50K route, including the Lee Smith stairs, which Daniel May had concerns about.

Race Event Logistics Planning

The meeting focused on planning and logistics for the upcoming Enduro race on June 13th. Tig discussed the availability of camping facilities, noting that while Tribune Bay Campsite might not be ready, some camping will be provided in the valley, though not enough for 200 racers. He emphasized the importance of pre-riding and ferry scheduling, and mentioned that local participants can register on the day of the event. Tig also confirmed permissions for using Rimshot and discussed first aid coordination with Alan Fletcher and the fire department to avoid previous issues. The course map has been sent out and received positive feedback, with plans to schedule trail maintenance for the dual slalom course before the event.

Enduro Race Planning Updates

The meeting focused on updates and planning for the Enduro race, including the need for marshals, which Tig will coordinate through the HIMBA network and Hornby Facebook pages.

Next Meeting

Peggy inquired about the timing of the next executive meeting, which Tig confirmed would be set via email due to the small group size and planned quarterly frequency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15