Meeting date: Monday, January12th, 2015

Meeting time: 5:30 pm at Clementine restaurant

Directors present were Jason Burch, Kyle Lawrence, Mike Bowen, Misty Tilson, and Rich Harris. Marcia Lamphier was present in her co-treasurer role.

Minutes were reviewed from the December Meeting. **Jack Broaddus moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Rich Harris, approved by all.**

The December checking account reports were reviewed by the board. It was a very calm month for financial transactions. Jason presented the second draft of the 2015 budget: see minutes below. Jack recommended that we post the 990 on our website once it is filed. All of the board agreed.

Kyle gave a membership update. There are 535 unique members, 925 including family memberships.

**Old Business:**

* Jason presented the second draft of the 2015 budget. There were a few question on both the income. **Rich Harris moved to accept the budget as presented. Jack Broaddus seconded and all approved.**
* Rich gave an update on the economic impact study. He said that many localities are still offering funds and help to perform the study. The holidays have slowed down the progress but things are moving along very nicely. The end of January should yield many more answers as the progress continues. The discussion now revolve around presentations and specific asks to the localities. The objective is to get the study started by the spring to maintain enthusiasm and yield the best result.
* Mike gave an update on the Wilderness First Aid class. Marcia had provided the information from the class we did in 2009. Mike asked about whether this exposes us to any risks (if people do not stop to help and have the knowledge, what is the exposure). The group agreed that certifying people is better than not certifying. The discussion then centered around who we could request to do this. The answer was a push for ride leaders to do it and then allow open enrollment to our membership up to $500. The SVBC would cover all costs with a commitment from the individual to help with one of our events in 2015.
* Misty gave an update on the NICA liability situation. She is going to meet with Scott B. to discuss some details with the program. There are several additional questions regarding financial support of the program and what allowing our accounting system to help with accounting for these programs look like.
* There was additional discussion regarding potential board members. One person has directly committed and several other ideas were thrown out. The board generally agreed that we need a legal consult on the board for the next few years and that should be a strategic direction we pursue. Questions centered around how to coordinate the board candidates on the ballot for the pot-luck.

**New Business:**

* Kyle gave an update on the proposed by-laws changes. Kyle is going to have to sort through a few emails to find the proposed changes. There was discussion regarding how to discuss this and approve this with the meeting schedule ahead of us.
* Kyle then briefly gave an update on trying to organize some of the volunteers and how we can better manage those people
* Rich gave an update on the Rockingham County Bicycle plan: it would be the end of the year but the project is really moving forward. 4 of 5 parts are out for review by the committee right now.
* Kyle gave an update on the current RTP grants. He explained that we had been awarded an extension on our second grant and will hopefully get this third grant: both totaling about $350,000. Both of these grants have to be completed and closed out by year end 2016. He explained that the USFS is jumping through hoops to help us get these dollars and is fully behind our efforts. Questions from the board centered around the strategy with obtaining funds and volunteers for meeting the matching part of the grant. Kyle outlined some strategies associated with paying someone to inspect the trails 3-5 times a week. Kyle said that this is a situation where we are going to be moving at a rapid rate, faster than previous situations.
* Bids are due tomorrow for the Northend Greenway construction.
* There is a lunch meeting set up for Wednesday at noon at Beyond with the new Mayor, Chris Jones.
* The board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd at 17:30 instead of the regular time and place
* Woody Strawderman (photographer at the Century) passed away this past weekend. The SVBC offers condolences to the family; he will be missed greatly.

**Committee Reports:**

* The meeting was adjourned at 19:15.