SVBC Meeting May 11, 2015

Attending: Dan Finseth, Charlie Chenault, Mike Bowen, Misty Tilson. Marcia Lamphier, Kyle Lawrence , Ritchie Vaughan, Tim Cupp,

1. Welcome
2. Review and approval of May minutes
   1. All approved
3. Finance Report
   1. Marcia’s Treasury Report
      1. Bought shed for Waterman
      2. Income and expense report distributed
         1. Income $775
         2. Expenses $4564
      3. Checkbook balance $10078.17
      4. PayPal balance $7030
      5. Dan working on balance sheet to be distributed to keep track of what is earmarked;
         1. IRS 990 for nonprofits has been filed
4. Membership Update
   1. Slowly growing.
   2. 620 members
5. Old business
   1. Smithland and I-81 interchange meeting
      1. Kyle and Charlie met with Abe Shearer; expressed disappointment with lack of consultation with bike-ped plan in the design process.
      2. Lack of time for input is a concern.
      3. Smithland Bridge too far along to change design. May be able to get striping, and hopefully better attention to the plan for the next bridge.
      4. Kyle and Thomas have VDOT meeting Thursday to discuss wat happened with this bridge design .
   2. “ Connecting our schools” Bond campaign
      1. School board behind it, but there is no money – hence need for bonds.
      2. Need list of projects by end of month
         1. Aug-September need to be approaching City Council with these projects.
         2. Projects should reference bike-ped plan
         3. Proactive, positive communication key
         4. Communication with Parks and Rec? Can someone do that? Projects will go through several parks
      3. Name for the project? Connecting our schools Kyle’s default
         1. Ideas? Keep thinking!
   3. Conflict of interest policy
      * 1. Charlie moved to adopt; Ritchie seconded. All in favor.
6. New Business
   1. New city school -- SVBC position on location?
      1. Done deal at this point.
      2. To weigh in now would be a waste of political capital
      3. There will be more schools.
   2. Friends of Shenandoah Mountain update
      1. SVBC one of 200+ local groups in favor of additional protections
      2. Lynn Cameron will speak tonight
      3. Plan is a model of how wilderness groups and mountain bike folks have come together
   3. Youth Trail Corps with Dayton Learning Center
      1. Decided not to apply for grant
      2. Got some kids out there to Massanutten as a pilot project.
         1. Pilot day went well.
      3. Keeping open ears re how we can help support
   4. Organizational Assessment of the SVBC Board
      1. JMU Student project
      2. Question remains how we can improve
         1. Communication/transparency is key
            1. Trello?
7. Updates
   1. Harrisonburg Bike pedestrian plan
      1. Be on record more frequently!
      2. Comments early and often
   2. Safe Route to Schools – FUNDED!
      1. Both Harrisonburg and Rockingham have safe routes to school coordinators.
   3. Rockingham Bike-ped plan progressing
      1. Hope to be ready for public comment around fall
      2. Will share best ways to reach out to supervisors and support.
   4. Recreational Trails Program Grant
      1. Still cannot award grant; not lowest bidder so extra paperwork
   5. Bicycle Economic Study
      1. Still ongoing – keep talking it up ,
8. Friends of Shenandoah Mountain – explore our official position
9. Status of conference center – trail to traverse this area? Unsure of status
10. Discussion of bike share programs
11. Next board meeting July 13