

Brazos Valley Mountain Bike Association - Meeting Minutes, 02/01/2016

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm (construction on University Dr.)

In attendance: **Travis Prochaska, Carolyn Hodo, Beth Boudreau**, Gina Hokanson, Chris Matus, Amanda Adams, James Munnerlyn, Mike Record, Jeff Van Fickell, Katie Van Fickell, Jennie Smith (returning member), Amy Tutoki, Russell Huggins, Will Schaub (new member), Rebekah Schaub (new member), Micah Bingaman (Aggieland Cycling), Lars Vihlen, Jason Foster, Lance Nice (new member)

- It has been drier, so more riding and more trail maintenance is being done
- James - Trail Maintenance Updates
 - Bridge built at Millican phase 3 berm
 - plans for future improvements in drainage at this spot
 - New trail cutting - about 1.5 miles now mowed
 - it can be ridden, but has not been “finished” so watch out for sharps
 - a map to the location was posted on the mailing list
- Chris Matus - Millican Trail Status
 - Ignore the caution tape blocking the phase 1 extension - it is fine to ride
 - the gully is muddy
 - Phase 4 has standing water about 75% of the way through - look out for 2-way traffic in that area until it has dried

- we recommend exiting phase 4 when you reach the crater for the 2nd time
- Lake Bryan Trail Status
 - Turbo Road bridge appears static for now
 - we will make “Caution” signs for the area - Amanda Adams to make signs once materials are purchased by the club
 - When will the pipes be removed? Travis P. and Gina will ask their contacts at BTU for updates
- Trail Maintenance, Saturday February 6th at 9am-**1pm** at ???
 - Scheduled for Lake Bryan, but this will be our last chance to clean up Millican before Ultramarathon (Feb 28th)
 - If runners are willing to help us, we will change plans and meet at Lake Bryan
 - we will post final info on location by mid-week on listserve and Facebook
 - Coffee and kolaches will be served
- Aggie Big Event - Saturday, April 2nd
 - Applications are due Feb 19th
 - We want to apply to have them help build a drainage ditch and berm at the base of the levee on Lake Bryan east
 - will need BVMBA volunteer supervisors
 - Carolyn Hodo will work on application
- Upcoming rides
 - Social ride 6:30pm Tuesday, 2/2 at Millican
 - Time trial 6:30pm Thursday, 2/4 at Millican
 - Chris Matus may lead new members ride on Sunday, 2/7 during the day - watch the listserve for more info

- Upcoming trips
 - Lajitas - most folks will be leaving Tuesday, 2/9 PM or Wed, 2/10 AM
 - post on the listserve if you need a ride or have room in a vehicle to share
 - don't forget to register
- Upcoming races
 - Dirty Dozen at Bluff Creek Ranch on Feb 6
 - start is at 9am
 - Kerry Snow-Alley and Luke Conlin racing for Aggieland Cycling will challenge Houston Bike Barn 12-hour co-ed team
 - Carolyn Hodo will compete in 6-hour individual race
 - First high-school race is this weekend at Reveille Peak Ranch
 - if you want to course-marshal, contact Mike Record, Joel Reyes, Amy Tutoki or John Flynn
 - Ali Pearks may make a surprise appearance
- Annual dues are due TODAY!
 - There is a one-month grace period
 - Paypal is working
- High school jerseys are available for pickup at Aggieland Cycling (Valley View)
 - Sizes run small
 - some extras are available
 - Contact John Flynn with questions
- Bike Barn is interested in hosting a bike demo with Trek and/or Specialized in May or June 2016

- Venue would ideally be both Millican and Lake Bryan
- Ride reports
 - Rocky Hill is fully open (18-mile loop) and in good shape
 - El Paso Mt. Franklin/Lost Dog has excellent cycling community and is worth the trip - go tubeless
 - Lars
 - Blue Ridge Mountains in northern Georgia
 - area has a lot of great “road” riding, but it is steep and gravelly, so bring your cyclocross bike
 - Ascka Road singletrack is 19-25 mile loop that has good sustained climbing, but is only moderately technical, and is a scenic and remote venue
 - Huntsville State Park/Sam Houston Forest are another good spot for cyclocross fans, as you can combine singletrack with forest road riding for an epic day
 - James
 - Colorado Bend State Park
 - the dirt road approach has been paved!
 - 20-30 miles of singletrack for a variety of skill levels
 - BLORA
 - questionably fun due to poor maintenance leading to a lot of unnecessary dismounting and getting lost
 - Welcome new members with introductions

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

