# BVMBA Meeting Minutes - Aug 1, 2016

* Travis reports on Brazos Valley Off-road Ranch
  + Trails are still overgrown - it is unclear if jeeps have been using them
  + Some work would be required to make a complete rideable loop
  + Landowner (Steve) is willing to help with equipment and use thereof to shape and maintain trails
  + BVMBA needs to have a discussion with Steve about the proposed rights and responsibilities associated with use of this property
    - Travis will obtain contact info from Alejandro so that meeting with Steve can be scheduled
* Trail maintenance - Saturday, Aug 6th 8 am - 12 pm at **Lake Bryan**
  + Primary goal will be lopping on Roller Coaster, Octopus and Last Call (the parts of the trail closest to the entrance/exit)
    - 1-3 workers may be asked to **ride** remainder of trail with small pruners and remove the worst of the face-slappers
  + Additional goals
    - filling in the hole on Rat Maze (shortly after the previously underwater bridge) - will require 2 workers with a shovel, a Pulaski, and a 5 gallon bucket of water
    - removing the remainder of down tree that is 400 yds from the end of Munnerlyn loop - will require 2 workers with either a chainsaw or handsaws + a lot of enthusiasm
* Blazing Saddles TMBRA Race - Saturday, Aug 6th 6pm - Warda
  + BVMBA members racing include the Arthurs (2-man team) and Patrick Farnsworth (men’s solo)
  + $30 to register (BikeReg.com)
* Huntsville State Park Day Trip - Saturday, Aug 20th - depart CS @ 8am
  + Meet in Lot 36 at vet school (Agronomy and University)
  + Leave CS at 8am, back in town by dark at the latest
  + Club will cover entry fees (normally $5/person)
  + Plan to ride counterclockwise to get to new trail sooner
* Ideas for memorializing Aggieland Cycling contribution to Phase IV bridge
  + Routing letters into wood - attached to sides of bridge
  + Stephen knows the woodshop director at Archi Ranch
    - will ask if they would be interested in this as a practice project
* James has been using his personal riding mower on the trails
  + Would like to build maintenance trails to help get the mower safely to more of the trail
  + These trails would maintain natural ground cover and be routed against traffic flow to avoid accidental use by riders
  + System of small badges to identify them when they become very overgrown
* Mike R. has a chainsaw that may be loaned out to experienced users as needed - contact him if you think you need a chainsaw for BVMBA-related purposes
* Millican New Trail
  + How to get it ridden in faster?
    - Include on social rides?
    - Carpool large group to TH and have them do laps?
  + Improvements
    - All down trees have been removed
    - Directional signs - special maintenance project
      * 1-2 people with screw drills and bicycles can place these
      * Contact James M. or Beth B. if you would like to volunteer for this project
    - Wooden signs - special service project
      * Wooden signs with routed letters
      * Entire sign spray-painted to seal
      * Letters painted in contrasting color
      * Contact James M. or Beth B. if you would like to volunteer for this project
* Dinosaur Valley Camping Trip - September 17th-18th
  + Plan to leave Friday after work, camp Fri/Sat
  + 2 tent sites with H2O, electric, have been reserved
  + Will also plan to ride at Solavaca +/- Cleburne SP
  + Return Sunday afternoon/evening
* **Fall** time trials - Wed at 6pm Sept 7 - Oct 12 at Millican Reserve
  + Wed better than Thurs because of Cyclocross kids camp
  + 6pm so that we have enough daylight
  + Proposed route: Phase I to first cattleguard, turn R down fenceline, turn L through fence onto Phase III at hidden cattleguard, continue through remainder of Phase III onto Phase IV, exit Phase IV before the mound and ride back toward first mound, then out the way you entered
  + Summer time trials points system will be used
* Hensel Park cleanup day - date TBA, closer to end of year
  + BVMBA will help clean up Hensel Park trails in preparation for high school team training
  + Didn’t get to mention this at the meeting, but I think this would be a GREAT use of the proposed Karbach Brewery-sponsored extra TM day
* The link to join the BVMBA mailing list has been restored to bvmba.net

In attendance: Beth Boudreau, Gina Hokanson, Travis Prochaska, Paulo Silva, Jay Childers (new member), Mike Record, Russell Huggins, Stephen Smith, Jennie Smith, James Munnerlyn