

## **Shoreline Cycling Club Annual Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2016 · 3:30pm – 4:20pm

Held at Spindrift Cyclesports

Dave Maclean welcomed members and attendees introduced themselves.

### **Updates**

Manistee Trail Park – Ken reported on the Boy Scout/Eagle Troop project that was completed at the park which consists of 5.6 miles of groomed fat bike trail and 3.8 miles of groomed skate and cross-country ski trail.

Big M – Lumbering that took place this fall at Big M has been cleaned up and the USFS has cleaned up the ski trails. This year the USFS has granted permission for the club to groom the Outer Loop in addition to a 5.5-mile loop. The club is acquiring a Tracksled that will groom a 22-inch-wide track. Fund raising efforts are still underway. A fat bike race that was being planned to take place at Big M by race promoter Scott Chambers will not happen after all, at least this year. Dave called attention to Andy Klevorn's efforts in helping to raise funds for grooming equipment including a Rokon for the School Forest Trails and his efforts in organizing the Singletrack Showdown from which proceeds will be dedicated to the club for the Tracksled. Appreciation was also expressed for Mike Peterson's efforts in building a groomer for the Rokon.

Ludington Urban Singletrack – Trails in the Ludington School Forest are mostly completed. There are plans to add a section to the north as well as up to a mile in Memorial Tree Park. Including the trails completed in Cartier Park, there will be approximately 10 miles of singletrack in the City of Ludington.

DIRTroad – The publication has proved popular with tourists. The club still has inventory on hand.

North Country Trail – Dave Beadle is expected to be selected as co-trail coordinator of the local chapter of the North Country Trail Association at a meeting on December 7th.

Arcadia Dunes – Plans are in the works to establish a handicap accessible pedestrian pathway on the west side of M22.

Multi-use Trails – Dave explained that the club focuses primarily on building and maintenance of mountain bike trails because the expenses are low compared to roadways and paved paths. The club would like to work toward more non-motorized multi-use trails and paths as the club grows. This Wednesday MDOT has an outreach meeting scheduled in Ludington seeking input for their plans for non-motorized trails in the area. The public is welcome to attend a 4pm or 5:30pm meeting, or both. There is an effort based out of Pentwater to connect Pentwater to the Hart-Montague Trail.

Pere Marquette Twp/Dow Chemical Property – Pere Marquette Township is in negotiations with Dow Chemical/Oxy Chemical to purchase 400 acres of property on the south side of Pere Marquette Lake. The township intends to make the area a recreational area and include mountain bike trails, possibly a flow trail.

Ludington State Park - The State Park does not have an official stance on fat biking on the beach. Members were encouraged to be conscientious. North of Big Sable Point Lighthouse is prohibited. The permit for mining sand is scheduled to be renewed for Sargeant Sands. A public meeting is scheduled for open comments and concerns. Andy will post details on those upcoming meetings.

An adventure race is again scheduled to be held at the State Park in May 2017. The club will express interest in volunteering.

### **New Business**

Ken reported that the City of Manistee's Non-Motorized Transportation Committee has transitioned to a county-wide committee. They are working on four projects including expanding trail systems between Thompsonville and Copemish, Thompsonville and Kaleva, the Zimmerman Trail to M22 and a Pine River loop.

### **Directors**

Dave invited members to make nominations for Directors for 2017. The club elects 5 board members every year to serve a one-year term. Board members serving for 2016 are: Ken Blakey-Shell, Sara Kronlein, Dave Maclean, Richard Bobian and Brian Monton. Tom Paine made a motion to nominate the current board members to serve again for 2017. Andy Klevorn supported the motion. Motion carried.

### **Affiliate Organizations**

Dave reported that the Cycling Club is a member of IMBA, the North Country Trail Association, and the League of Michigan Bicyclists.

### **Treasurers Report**

Dave reported that the club currently has a balance of \$2600 in its checking account. In January, the balance of the Tracksled is due which will be \$3300. Insurance is another major expense for the club and the annual payment is due in the Spring. Other regular expenses include tools and signs. A pay pal link has been established for fundraising efforts for the Tracksled.

Proceeds from the Singletrack Showdown this year were \$2500.

### **Club Activities**

Members were encouraged to record their trail maintenance hours. There is a link on the home page of the club's website where anyone can log volunteer hours.

A women's group ride was offered in Ludington on Tuesdays this year and a Thursday night mixed group road ride, both meeting at the James Street Plaza.

The Singletrack Showdown is scheduled for 2017.

### **Website**

No update

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm by consensus.