

WMBC Board Meeting Date: June 5th, 2018

Present

Board/Staff: Heather, Val, Bill H, Char, Eric, Kevin, Kaela, Ryan, Jeff

Board Members not present:

Guests: Javon, Mike Storm. Mollie Janicki and Zack Goodwin

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Public Comments and Introductions	Javon- YTC has one more session (June 23rd). 48 students (middle school age) have participated. 9 build leaders have participated. Completed the wall ride project. Queens of Dirt - weekend clinic is this weekend.	
GUEST SPEAKER		
Director of Education Report	Youth Trail Corps: Rock wall feature on Cheech and Chongs completed! Code of Conduct status: Mark and Heather both agree we don't need a code of conduct for our non-profit status. Causes more complications than it is worth. Re-create our waiver to incorporate behavior guidelines.	Char will present at the City Parks board meeting regarding putting in a jump zone near Fairhaven park.

Working on revising our YTC structure: Youth participate in initial Trail Build 101 which will comprise 2-3 group trail build days run 1x spring. Youth can create their own groups with like minded ages/ friends and do smaller micro projects as well on mountain. Cultivating trail build leaders that are willing to take these small groups out and working more frequently on pet projects. Goal of creating harmonious groups that can learn to work together and build different skills based on interest.

Increase enrollment fee to \$100?

After School Rides

Rides are wrapping up. We had a record year of participants this year, over 200 kids. Many thriving ride clubs of 30 or so in group.

Looks like Columbia is going to start a club next fall..

May 31 Trail day for this group planned and will be working at new Cedar Dust skills area mostly raking.

Rodeos

Wrapping up with Rodeos. A couple more in June.

Service Learning Days:

Windward High School: Javon led group. 24 kids raked and brushed Last Call, New Issues, and Hopscotch.

Shuksan Middle School: This group helped Chris out at the school rodeos this year.

Grants:

Force of Nature: No. not taking new grant applications this year

	<p>Clif Bar: still haven't heard back</p> <p>In progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vamos Outdoor Project/ Andy Basabe: Latino kids getting outside. Wants to create an opportunity for them to work with us on Trail Building as well as getting out on bikes.2. Options High School: Joe Wooding: fall ride/ trail build program..still working on this on a lower key level depending on any funding.3. Youth trail days: offering grade 5 trail day for Bellingham Public Schools. This would be great opportunity to get kids geared up for YTC, introduce them to trail building, great age to introduce to service learning concepts.4. WMBC Middle and High School ride club for all schools.5. Education brochure, website development content, budget	
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<p>Trail Director Report</p>	<p>Galbraith Easement: Janicki has rejected the Recreation Easement and has accepted the Conservation Easement with the City. My conversation with the City (Leslie) is the purchase of the recreation and conservation easement are tied together and the entire reason they want the conservation easement is to ensure that recreation can continue into perpetuity without any development on the mountain.</p> <p>Galby Projects: While there's been a lot of work on the hill, a lot of dirt / finish work is in need of serious rain. If folks hadn't heard, we beat a record for heat in May and tied a record for least rain....so there's a lot of marbles on trails and dirt work that needs rain for compaction.</p> <p>Logging: Logging is done in the Bears and they are processing the logs now. The southern half of Goldie Locks and a big chunk of Baby Bear was cleared, but the machines are still in there, so we're waiting on Papa and Mama Bear. There will be more logging in the Hershey Highway and Lone Wolf area in August. Janicki plans to think the entire mid-mountain over the next 3 years harvesting 200-250 acres per year.</p> <p>Lookout Mountain / Cougar Ridge area: We kicked off this build season on Saturday and got a bunch of reroutes on the connector brushed and cleared. The machine moved in yesterday and is working up to the City property and then will turn around from there. We'll be building the section that the City owns (pretty short section along with 2 bridges. Ricardo has been clearing the 4000 Road climbing trail and we are amassing a crew of SV folks to help him out over there. I'm going to start putting build days on the calendar, but we'll likely have 2 build days a month during the summer over there.</p>	
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DNR Rec Planning:

We will be having our final DNR Rec Planning meeting on the 12th (next Tuesday). Generally speaking, the new concept plan is looking good for bike use, but we still have “conditional” areas that are dependent on the Marbled Murrelet – particularly in the North Fork and Middle Fork. It’s likely I’ll be going to Oly to speak to the DNR’s board again on this topic.

Blanchard :

Bill led a crew on Saturday to work on a user built trail and punch in a reroute. Thanks for that Bill!

For the Core Blanchard process, the DNR has to get Skagit County’s approval for an Inter-Trust Transfer plan. This is a super complex process that can’t be described in email. Long story short, a bunch of the Blanchard Committee will be at the Skagit Council meeting on the 14th. TBD if I will be in attendance or not. I’ll give more details tonight.

Cordata Pump Track:

Finishing up the design spec for the City in the next week. They needed a few extra details for this project to put it out to bid, so JP and I are meeting next week to go over this.

Parking Lot:

We’ve got our initial design draft that I’ll bring to the meeting tonight and discuss our next steps on this.

Dollar Lot:

They are back from vacation and open for parking again and have no plans of leaving for the summer. No events or camping.

Brushing:

We’ve got 5 weed eaters right now...two that are up for the rigors of our use and a few that were

donated that are more home-quality level. One is in the shop for a tune up. I'm going to start shopping for a couple more weed eaters this week. Trail's brushed so far are Mullet (exit), Das Autobahn, WF Pump Track and 911.

Homeless Person:

I'll give more details about that, but it sounds like someone may have seen him again on the hill yesterday. Working to confirm that.

Amber Forest:

Amber just got a promotion and is overseeing Birch Bay, Larrabee and Peace Arch State Parks. They will be looking for her replacement soon, but she will continue to live at Larrabee, so we'll see her still.