

SORBA Trails Committee Meeting Minutes Dec 20, 2014.

The trails committee is made up of members who have completed the Trail Master Training and certification. This meeting is the first organized meeting of the committee. Members of the committee are:

Tim Barnack
Matt Dewitt
Freddy Steel
Steve Truitt
Joe Moffitt
Jory Mitchell
Chad Edwards
John Gauthier
Travis Hood

Members Present

Tim Barnack, Matt Dewitt, Freddy Steel, Steve Truitt, Jory Mitchell, Chad Edwards, John Gauthier, Travis Hood

Committee Organization

- First order of business was to select a Chairman and Secretary. These were
Chairman/Trail liaison – Tim Barnack
Secretary – John Gauthier
- User Groups – We discussed what communication we should have with other user groups. We decided we would invite representatives to our Trails committee meetings from the track club, sierra club (and any other stake holder groups) so that we can coordinate projects and promote teamwork.
- Meeting Schedule – The Trails committee will have a goal of meeting once each quarter.

Trail Change Process - Discussion and agreement was made on the Trail Change Process, which is to be performed when new trails or trail reroutes are to be created. The process is:

- Write a trail change description
- Get committee agreement on the change in concept
- Select a project lead
- Get initial concept approval from the Land Manager (verbal or email)
- Flag the trail/reroute (flags on high side)
- Get committee agreement
 - Email to committee members to evaluate route
 - Committee members walk route, discuss options, itemize risks, etc.
 - After reasonable vetting, agree on route; No comment is agreement.
- Get signed final approval from land manager
- Project lead organizes work days.

Trail Maintenance Process – If any maintenance is going to be performed which could potentially change the “character” of the trail, then a description of the effort should be sent out in an email to the committee before the work is begun. Removing newly fallen trees does not change the character of the trail. Removing obstacles that have been on the trail for a while would constitute a character change. The committee will manage most maintenance projects that would change the character of the trail documented maintenance project list that will be discussed at Trails committee meetings.

Project Lists

- The committee will maintain two lists of projects. One is for trail changes and another for maintenance projects.
- Each project will be assigned an estimated “Effort Level” and a “Priority classification”. Both attributes can have the values Low, Medium and High. Effort level, safety issues, usage level, etc. will drive the priority classification.

Misc to do:

- Tim will get keys made to the equipment shed and hand out to each committee member.
- A few inclinometers need to be purchased
- A few levels need to be purchased