

Trail Masters Meeting Notes (11/23/2016)

Attendees:

- Tim Barnack
- Matt Dewitt
- Brice Johnston
- Martin Schneekloth
- James Falcon
- Chad Edwards
- Richard Swanstrom
- Gary Bolton
- John Gauthier
- Freddy Steele
- Jory Mitchell

Feasibility of another trail school in 2017.

SORBA main can help us secure an instructor at a reasonable cost. We could earmark a project for a trail lab to work on during the school. There are people who would like to have access to this.

Trail Master Liaison Contacts

There should be at least one Sorba TM contact for each of these organizations who can maintain the dialogue about trail projects they are anticipating and ensure that we have a voice in what's built. It has been made clear to these organizations that we can't provide large-scale trail plans (obviously we have designed and built trails for some of them) but we can be a convener for helping them find a trail designer and lend our support (usually a letter) in securing grants for those big projects such as what is desired at Ditto and Chapman. We can also provide leadership on volunteer work days.

- State Park – Tim Barnack and Matt Dewitt
- Land Trust – Tim Barnack and Matt Dewitt
- Ditto Landing – John Gauthier
- City of Huntsville – John Gauthier
- Space and Rocket Center – Chad Edwards
- Chapman Mountain – Richard Swanstrom
- Wade Mountain – Richard Swanstrom, Chad Edwards & John Gauthier

Drainage Pipes

John Hunt has donated 2 large 7ft x 16in drainage pipes. They are currently next to the storage shed.

New Tools

The Track Club has purchased a number of trail maintenance tools. Once marked, these can be stored in the toolshed and shared.

Updated Prioritized Trail Projects

(Note: this list is not necessarily the order that projects will be addressed. Other factors will come into consideration).

1. Sinks – Improve between sharp left hairpin and 3 benches. Reroute where necessary.
2. Keith's trail a quarter mile past chestnut (i.e. last decent before creek crossing) – Reroute around rocky fall line.
3. Dummyline Trail maintenance
4. Bankhead Trail polishing
5. Logan's Pt. – bench cut entry and exit. Work on turns and add berms.
6. Dropping in to Mountain Mist from O'Shaghnessy point – 100 ' section is badly eroded
7. Dummyline to Hightrail (new trail)
8. Barricade to mountain mist (new trail)
9. Mountain Mist – Improve the transition between the rerouted railroad tie steps section and the steep hill.
10. Alternate route from Bluffline to High trail (new trail)
11. Small general maintenance on top trails
12. Dummyline to Cold Springs (new trail)
13. Rocky Friggin Nightmare