

April 9, 2018

Meeting #5 at London Drugs

Attendance – Janine D, Deb W, Darren W, Sherri S, Chris F, Richard P, Linsey M, Luke S, Mike S, Bridget M

Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Additions & Deletions – strider racing

Approval of Agenda – Deb – seconded by Richard – all in favour

Treasurers report – Treasurer gave report – details can be found in the secretary binder. Motion for approval of the treasurer report by Sherri and seconded by Chris – all in favour

OLD BUSINESS

Maris Camp - He will arrive the Wednesday before the camp. Chris received an email from Greg Hill saying that if Maris needs to cancel the camp due to his baby being born that he will be a 'back up' for us. Maris will hang out at the track on Thursday night for race night. He will be doing 2 separate blocks of training for each group on each day. Riders will work one block with Maris then have a break then work another block. City Councilman Blaine Hyggen would like us to have media at the event.

2018 Provincial – no new information right now – ongoing planning

Mega 50/50 – John is taking care of this

Provincial Concession – The proposal from the Noel's was taken to John/Tracy and they are on board with the menu/plans. Some of the numbers they had were adjusted to reflect information that John/Tracy had from previous provincial events. Friday – Chili dogs and chilli on a bun. Saturday – Beef Brisket. We will update the Noel's with the expected numbers for product based on what was sold at previous events. The smoothies will not be able to happen due to power issues in the moto shed.

Host Hotels – The Sandman and the Lethbridge Lodge are our host hotels. They have special BMX rates as well as breakfast options.

Track Work – Third weekend in April (21/22) we are scheduled to have Dirty Deeds arrive to work on the track. Darren will update Sherri as to when we need water brought to the track.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Planning with Special guests – Bridget Mearns and Mike Schmidtler attended our meeting to discuss bringing a project forward to the city in regards to expanding the BMX track. Discussed the possibility of approaching the city in regards to plans that we would like to make happen instead of the sitting back with plans..... ‘when the skate park is gone we’d like to....’

Bridget discussed 4 types of grants that could be available to us through the city as well as a province wide grant. There is a \$7,500 event funding grant available from the city – it is a rolling application – and also a city capital grant with an amount we could get the info on a later date. CIP (Community initiatives program) which is municipal and CPAP which is a provincial grant are also available – information will be sent to us from Bridget on the amount available for these grants – possibly \$50,000. Sept. 15th is the next grant deadline.

Discussed interest around expanding the track as well as issues with parking that make it difficult to sometimes run local race nights never mind a provincial or an event like the upcoming summer games.

Bridget will check on our parking issue and if we can have an overflow area to use during our provincial this summer.

Discussions happened regarding what the city plans to do regarding the skate park. When will it be removed and the area given to Lethbridge BMX for expansion? We will re-visit the cities plan in regards to this. It was mentioned that the baseball diamond would be doing renos and would have to do a lot of digging which would allow us to have dirt to fill in the skate park area.

Discussed the work around preparing to present plans of what kind of track upgrades we would like, the cost of those upgrades, the work involved, etc. Discussed that we need to brainstorm what our capital needs/wants are. Ex. Making track wider, bigger, moving asphalt, bigger parking lot, etc. Has the green space by the track been decommissioned as a soccer area and could it be turned in to parking? The growth of BMX within the province will make it very difficult to host provincial events in Lethbridge without expanding our track area.

We would like to access someone who is an engineer and/or someone with autocadd who can assist us in drawing up some plans for the track to use to present with our grants.

Summer games are in 2020 – There will be event costs that would assist us to qualify for grants.

Bridget will commit to checking on the decommissioning of the skate park, the decommissioning of the soccer field...if it’s being used, if it has sprinklers, etc. She will contact Shannon Philips office to check on site grants for summer games. Bridget will then reconnect with us to assist us with grant writing, etc.

Registration/Gear Swap Event – We used to have a ‘registration event’ – a one day event where everyone came to get help with registration. We could have a tablet and could register people right then and there. April 21/22 we will advertise that newcomers can stop by the track for information and registration assistance. If the weather is not good the alternate location for this event will be the community room at London Drugs. Darren will advertise gear swap information. June 3rd is the BMX day in Alberta.

Strider racing – Darren and Chris were at BLine on the weekend – HALF the riders at BLine were strider riders. We would like to build a moto for a strider race during our race nights. Other clubs seem to be doing this and it seems to be very successful in gaining club memberships as the riders get older. Darren will advertise this event along with the other upcoming events that need to be posted on social media.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2018