Baxter Trail Club 2023 in Review

We had a successful 2023 New Year’s Day Race!

We don’t have good financials for that or the preceding race. There was evidently some bad blood over race project management resulting in the leader being excommunicated from BTC.

The active members of the club (folks that show up for meetings and trail days) was very low.

Our treasurer quit and moved away but not before finding and promoting Terry Sullivan to take the role of Treasurer

Our president of long standing stood down for health reasons. He was replaced by Peter Emrich, a newby and two year resident of Baxter.

Peter struggled to maintain the members we had while working with the immediate past president and others in restructuring the club for growth.

BTC had a successful meeting with the Baxter HOA board resulting in funding the large Allison Redirting Project which was accomplished in Oct 2023.

The 2024 New Year’s Day Race was a great success!

Baxter Trail Club still needs improvements and is poised for a great year in 2024!

2023-24 Baxter Trail Club Big Hairy Audacious Goals

Have a successful New Year's Race

Why? - major source of income, maintains legacy

Who – Matt, Mark

Metric - beat last years profit which was ?

To Do -Need to fix Allison trail, need to round up sponsors, need advertising, approvals? Support Matt and Mark, populate the checklist. Follow up

Install wayfinding signs at 20 major intersections

Why? - No. 1 item from survey, President committed to Board

Complete installation by Jan 1

Who - TBD

To do -~~How do we cap the 6x6's?~~

Review and approve the signs. Order them.

~~Schedule to make the posts~~. Roll out plan. Schedule install.

Remediate the Allison Park trails

Why? - Minimally bridges 4,5,6 need fixed before NYD race, Allison is well used, very visible, very worn

Who - Peter & Pat, Matt

Metric - smooth transitions at 4,5,6

Obtain a map we can call official, showing trails and major features

Why? - several maps exist, all outdated and confusing, high on the

survey

Who - TBD

Metric - Complete by Dec 1

To do - outsource, Matt, etcetera

Bring in more members

Why - Club is too sparse and old to accomplish its mission.

Who - TBD

Metric - 3 new potentials at each meeting and work day.

Have a successful Fall and Spring Festivals

Why? Biannual opportunity to present the BTC to the public, we need engaged members and a chance to rebrand.

Who - TBD

Metric - 20 potential members agreeing to attend work days or meetings

Implement a trail health system to identify problems and potential problems and set a schedule for repair

Who - TBD

Metric - a 6 month schedule of trail maintenance being used

To do - checklist, reporting, frequency, assigned sectors

Outreach to other trail orgs

Why? Chance to tie trails together, to work together, to work towards a pan-Catawba trail

Metric - hold joint discussion with MB and LR

Who? Terry

To do - meet the members, invite them to our meeting, attend theirs, schedule joint work, create a consensus document, present to Baxter HOA.

Bypass Gardenia Fall-line segment.

Why? High on the survey list, probably the worst single segment of trail.

Metric - Replaced and closed

Who? TBD

To Do - ~~determine if SCDEHC really wants to approve~~

2024 adds

Trail MRC Committee

Why – no formal resources, planning

Metric – Committee formed, Call line and volunteers in place, begin trail Health system

Who – TBD

More Fun Events on the Trails

Why – Utilize trail facilities to engage users

What – Schedule docent lead walks (flora, fauna, geology, environment, history), bonfires, geocache events

Metric – at least monthly events schedule for last half 2024 by 7/2024

Who - TBD

A strong functioning executive committee

Why – limited resources need to be well applied

What – Leaders in place with job descriptions by 7/2024

Metric – Officers delivering on well-defined goals by 6/2024

Who - President