

The meeting was held at Mount Nittany Wheelworks from 8pm to approximately 9pm.

Attendees

Kevin Bergman, Ray Crew, Shannon Dolt, Aaron Hofelt, Rodney Korte, Eric Lenzing, Frank Maguire, Jim Malta, Aaron Pontzer, Hannah Williams, Bob ?

Notes

- It was discussed that a button could be placed on the NMBA website that would enable people to pay membership dues as well as make charitable donations through PayPal. Kevin said this is nearly set up, he just has to initiate the physical transfer link between the paypal account and the club's checking account.
- Shannon Dolt reported that turnout for the Subara/IMBA Trail Crew trail building weekend at Raystown was lower than it had been in previous years with only 7 attendees. The organizers agreed that the major reason for this was not getting the word out about the visit. The club is interested in finishing the trail that has already been started in order to demonstrate to the Corps that there is interest in trail building and maintenance in that area. It has been suggested that Nov. 5th would be a good trail work day. Roughly 12 workers should be able to finish the job within 4 hours.
- Discussion took place regarding how we can advertise for future events in order to increase attendance. It was suggested that writing articles to submit to DirtRag might be an option.
- The Club has decided that an appropriate SAR area for us to provide support for would be from 26 to 322 and north of 22 in Rothrock. Hannah will make sure to include this information in her letter to CCSOSAR.
- There was more discussion of creating a mission statement for the club. We will work through this topic in the forums. As part of that, there was talk about what our "area of influence" or participation might be. It was generally agreed that it includes Bald Eagle State Forest (at least the western parts), Rothrock State Forest, Moshannon State Forest.
- Discussion of what dues and donations are for: buy trail tools, support the website, provide food etc. for club rides, provide some financial support for IMBA representation.
- NMBA would like to get more people involved.
- Camping Weekends
 1. Suggestions have been made to host a camping day, probably at the 4H camp near Penn Roosevelt, in order to solicit membership to NMBA. Local Bike Shops may be able to donate items that can be raffled - possibly for the magical \$10/ticket. Sometime in June 2007 is the suggested date.
 2. MNWW is also currently looking at a May 2006 time frame for an MTB weekend that would include group rides and activities on the first day with a races on the second day. The races might be Time trials down Shittaka, King & Queen of Rock Ridge, and the Stoopid 50 mile race. They are also considering the 4H camp as the location of the festivities and camping. The May timeframe is desired to avoid conflicts with other well-attended camping/race weekends around the Northeast.
 3. Discussion ensued about combining the two events into one. There is some disagreement as to whether this would be good or bad. Discussions will continue.
- Kevin was contacted by a student at Lockhaven U. about land purchased by the Chrislin (sp?) Camp. The camp owners want to build trails on the land and are looking for help at least designing the system. Kevin told them the club could definitely provide input and possibly trail building help.
- Turkey season starts Saturday, Oct. 21. Cooper's Gap is a big turkey hunting area, so it would probably be a good idea if we avoided it for a while (certainly at least opening day).

Upcoming Events

- 10 a.m. - Nov. 5th at Raystown for a trail building day. Expect about 4 hours worth of work.
- Black Mo Ride on Sunday Oct. 22 at Noon. Meet at parking lot. Route to be determined.
- Oct 29th, LHORBA multi-group ride at Blue Knob. Check their website for more info.
- Kevin B., Aaron H., Shaun D., Howie, Travis (and others?) spent some of last month in Tahoe mountain biking. Kevin is planning on putting together a slideshow presentation of their trip for the next club meeting (November). He also plans on preparing a movie of the trip for the December club meeting.

- Nov 5th, trailwork day at Raystown

Action Items

- Hannah will draft a letter to the CCSOSAR and get that sent off.
- Frank to provide directions to the Raystown trail that needs work for Nov. 5th.
- Erik to check with CNY DIRT club (he was a member when he was in Syracuse) on how they set up their SAR participation there.