

Minutes of Nittany Mountain Biking Association  
Meeting of Members  
March 21, 2011

A meeting of the members of Nittany Mountain Biking Association (NMBA) was held March 21, 2011, at Schlow Memorial Library, State College, PA.

12 members were present at the meeting.

**Old Business, as follows, was discussed:**

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status: Articles of Incorporation – Nonprofit were returned from the PA Department of State. Terri, Bob R., Jim G. and Erik are working on filling out IRS Form 1023.

Membership dues will officially be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We currently have about 75 members.

The group ride will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood. Any member who still needs to pay his/her dues will be able to do so at this time. T-Shirts will be distributed at the group ride to those members who have paid their dues.

Web development: There was discussion about whether to give the current website a facelift or start all over again. Rodney and Dave M. will reorganize and tackle this project. The hope is to have a plan in place by the next meeting.

New Laurel Run Trail: Paperwork was submitted to DCNR for the reroute, and the club awaits approval.

**New Business, as follows, was discussed:**

There is a small meeting scheduled as a “meet and greet” with TSE personnel and SMT (Chris Scott) so Erik can express the importance of NMBA to these organizations and the races they are able to run as a result of NMBA’s trail maintenance/construction.

Trailwork:

- Lonberger: **Trail work days** will be scheduled for **April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>** to finish the Lonberger project. The club plans to rent a gator from BestLine to help transfer the shale.
- Dave P. will put orange markers on the wire fence at the bottom of Camp Trail.
- Camp trail has a few logs down (towards the bottom and near the gasline). The Ridge has a log(s) down. Croyle has logs down at the bottom. WildCat Gap is a waterfall at the bottom. Sand Springs is clean.

**NOTE:** It is important for all members to log your trail work hours on the NMBA site.

New trails:

- Dave P. and Jeff Parker have flagged the new extension of Croyle Run Trail (from the bottom of the Croyle Run Trail to Gettis Ridge Road) and will prepare submission paperwork. They also looked at Gettis Trail (off Wampler) but it may be unreasonable as a project due to springs and rock sections.
- Dave P. and Jeff Parker are going to look at reroutes for Macquire and Lower trail.

- Jeff Parker and Dave P. gathered GPS coordinates for the “Bonson” trails (lying between Seger and Bear Meadows Road). The trailhead would begin at the bathrooms at Seger and run roughly 6½ miles with 2 - 1½ mile loops. Trails will be easy to ride (beginner trails?) and should be fairly easy to construct - rake and ride. Erik suggested we term these trails the “Parker trails”.

Campbell trail: Erik and Bob noted that someone is purposely blocking the trail. It is not clear if it's DCNR land or PSU land. Herm will send Erik mapping to determine, and information will be turned in to Ed Kitchen (DCNR forester) or PSU forester.

Signage: The club would like riders to make notations of where signage exists at trailheads, or does not exist, so we can compile a list for DCNR.

“Adopt a Highway”: Herm suggested we look into the possibility of adopting Bear Meadows Road (and the Gailbrath lot).

New race announcement: Terri and Dave P. (a/k/a Happy Valley Biking) have submitted requests to DCNR to run a race at Greenwood on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and a race at Tussey on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Each race will have a short course (approx. 11 miles) and a long course (approx. 25 miles). Approval is pending and more information will be given as it develops.

Meeting venues: Meetings will continue to be at Schlow, unless notice is given otherwise. There is no longer a fee associated with use at Schlow, thanks to our nonprofit status and Eric V. Another possible meeting spot is the old schoolhouse off of Brush Valley Road in Boalsburg.

Tools: The club plans to purchase two KombiSystems (@ BestLine) and a Dakine chainsaw backpack (@ Freezethaw), after Erik checks the bank account. Terri is working on a grant through IMBA/CLIF Bar that would pay for one KombiSystem. The tools are currently at the Lenzing shed in Pine Grove, but Carol is going to check with Tussey to see if we can construct a 4X6 or 5X7 shed on their property to house the NMBA tools.

T-Shirts: will be completed and ready for distribution at the May 15<sup>th</sup> group ride. Businesses donating \$200+ before T-Shirts are completed will get their logo on the back.

Brochures: Herm/Erik/Cathy will check on status. Erik is working on brochure holders to place in the bike shops, etc.

Jerseys: Bob R. suggested we put a lot of thought into making a jersey we like so that we have an “official” NMBA jersey – for cohesiveness. Terri will contact Ho for the status on the jerseys.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., at Schlow library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Terri L. Rudy, Secretary