

Minutes of Nittany Mountain Biking Association
Meeting of Members
April 18, 2011

A meeting of the members of Nittany Mountain Biking Association (NMBA) was held April 18, 2011, at Schlow Memorial Library, State College, PA.

Erik was unable to attend the meeting so Dave M. presided.

16 members were present at the meeting.

Jacob Mazzei, the new Recreational Forester for Rothrock State Forest, was also present at the meeting, and spoke briefly relative to DCNR's ideas/goals for Rothrock. He is very impressed with NMBA and extremely thankful for all the volunteer time and effort NMBA members spend on the trails in Rothrock. His role right now is to get a handle on what trails are in Rothrock and to find out exactly what's going on, with the main goal of increasing usership of the trails. He was asked about the timeline on the Musser Gap project and was not sure of the status. Relative to the Aikens property, he did suggest that it would be beneficial, before the property is turned over to the state, to already have a trail in place (from the parking lot) so that we wouldn't have to wait for DCNR approval.

DCNR Workers' Comp. Forms – DCNR is requesting that all NMBA members who do trail work to sign two workers' compensation forms. If you have not done so, please contact Terri for the forms, or remember to sign at the next meeting, when participating in a trail work day, at the group ride, etc.

NMBA Trail Plan – Dave P. reviewed the proposed NMBA Trail Plan. If you would like to adopt a trail to monitor and/or maintain, please contact Dave P. with that trail information. Please remember to sign in on the NMBA website and log your trail work hours under the Trailwork Log.

Signage – Dave P. submitted a map to DCNR noting where signs need to be placed. Jacob Mazzei would like a list of those signs and what type of sign we want it to be - trail name written directly on the post or trail name at the top of a post. Dave P. will prepare the list. Jacob Mazzei will then submit the list to Penn Nursery for sign preparation. NMBA will be responsible for installing the sign posts.

Little Poe – there was brief discussion about the status of using Little Poe in the TSE and Wilderness 101 courses. This is an issue for the Bald Eagle Recreational Forester (Dave Felix).

Brochures – The Brochures are completed and available. They have been placed in the bike shops. If you would like some for distribution, or know a good place to put brochures, please contact Terri.

Appalachian Outdoor Expo – The Expo was a success and NMBA received a lot of interest. The following members "worked" the Expo: MaryJo, Kirsty, Terri, Brenda K., Donna and James K. There were two prize pack giveaways (thanks to the **Bike Shop, FreezeThaw and Purple Lizard**) and the winners were Tom Kistler and Randy Earhart.

Kistler trail – At the Expo, Judge Kistler expressed interest in having a trail constructed on his property, which runs from the end of Tussey Trail (at the beer tap) to Colyer

Lake. Terri and Dave P. met briefly with Judge Kistler to discuss options and Dave P. is going to contact Judge Kistler to set up a time to scout the area for possible routes.

Adopt a Highway – At the suggestion of Mike H., Terri contacted PennDOT and received information relative to adopting Bear Meadows Road. Bear Meadows Road is a state highway for about a mile from 322, and is not yet adopted. It was agreed we should adopt it. Once complete, PennDOT will place signs at each end of Bear Meadows Road showing that NMBA has adopted the road.

Black Moshannon – Aaron H. would like for people who ride in Black Moshannon to report any trail work they do directly to him. He wants to show that people are using the trails in Black Mo and keeping them maintained. He's looking into a reroute of the AFT and extending the Ski Slope trail around the group campground.

AccuWeather Trails – Aaron H. and Eric V. noted that the AccuWeather Trails may remain for a year, possibly longer, as the trails are not scheduled to be taken out until a later phase of the subdivision process.

Jerseys – Aaron H. reported that the jerseys will be approximately \$40.00 a piece and half of the money for an order needs to be submitted upfront. It was discussed that we should take pre-orders and pre-payment to get the jerseys. Ho will see if he can get a jersey sample to have available at the May 15th group ride for members to see the quality and to try on for sizing. We will stick with the same artwork as last year.

May 15th Group Ride – is scheduled for 10:00a.m. at Greenwood Furnace. So far, LHORBA seems to be the only other group interested in participating. Aaron P. suggested some other groups to include – if anyone has contacts for other groups, please extend the invitation. James K. is going to contact Twisted Spokes to see if they have interest. Aaron H. noted that LHORBA's group ride is sometime in August.

Shed – Carol reported that Tussey Mountain has agreed to allow us to either build or install a shed on their property as a central tool location. There was brief discussion as to obtaining some type of insurance to cover the tools in case of theft. Dave M. will do some research on sheds and report back.

Treasurer Report (Cathy):

The club has about \$2,200.00.

Dues are due!

Business Donations (\$200.00 or more) have been received from the following:

Selinsgrove Brewing

Happy Valley Biking

Stan's No Tubes

Shenandoah Mountain Touring

MBR (Matthews)

NOTE: Donations received from businesses, or the like, in the amount of \$200.00 or more, will receive placement of their logo on the back of the 2011 NMBA T-shirts. So, if you have a business, or know of a business that may be interested in becoming involved with NMBA, this is the perfect opportunity for some advertising! Donations and logo must be received on or before April 28th to ensure placement of the logo on the back of the T-shirts.

Beginner Rides – Dave M. reported that the beginner rides will begin the first Thursday in May (May 5th). The status of beginner rides (cancellations, etc.) will be posted in the Forums on the NMBA website. If you have any interest in helping out with the beginner rides, please contact Dave M., Erik or Donna. Help is always needed!

Organized Rides are as follows:

Monday : Women's Ride – 6:00pm

Tuesday: Bike Shop Ride – 5:30pm

Wednesday : NMBA Group Ride – 6:00pm

Thursday : Beginner Rides (Men & Women) – 6:00pm

Friday : FreezeThaw Ride – 6:00pm

*** All rides leave from Galbraith Gap Lot except the FreezeThaw Ride which leaves from FreezeThaw.**

Website – Rodney reported that he and Dave M. took a look at the website and they are currently in the process of developing something in Google. They hope to have something to show us by the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Terri L. Rudy, Secretary