

Minutes of Nittany Mountain Biking Association  
Meeting of Members  
May 16, 2011

A meeting of the members of Nittany Mountain Biking Association (NMBA) was held May 16, 2011, at Schlow Memorial Library, State College, PA.

16 members were present at the meeting.

**501(c)(3)** – we continue to wait for final approval from the IRS.

**Lonberger** – there was a great turnout for the trail work day on Saturday. We worked on the 1000 ft. reroute and the 500 ft. reroute. We finished the 1000 ft. reroute and got the 500 ft. reroute ready for trail tread. Jeff Parker, Peter Kauffman and Dave Pontzer finished up the 500 ft. section and did some rock work on Monday. The reroutes are now complete. There are still a few small wet/muddy areas on Lonberger that could use a little shale.

**TShirts** – are in and are available. Please contact Terri Rudy with any TShirt inquiries.

**Kistler trail** – Jeff Parker and Dave Pontzer have GPS'd and flagged the Kistler trails. They are waiting to walk the trails with Judge Kistler for final approval. The two trails are a total of approximately 2 miles. One leads off of Beer Tap and the other off of Tussey Extension. The trails will be relatively easy to construct, needing minimal brush cutting and lopper work, and should be able to be blown in with the blower. Please remember that these trails will be on private property.

**Adopt a Highway** – Terri Rudy will submit the final paperwork. We should hear from Harrisburg in a few weeks.

**IMBA/CLIF Bar Grant** – NMBA was one of ten lucky recipients of a \$500.00 grant from IMBA and CLIF Bar. The grant will be used to purchase a STIHL KombiSystem.

**Adopt a Trail** – If you want to adopt a trail, please let Dave Pontzer know. The plan is to post a spreadsheet to the website. The idea of adopting a trail does not necessarily mean that you have to do the work on it, but that you frequent it often enough to be able to let everyone know if there's an issue on it. Therefore, it would be wise to pick a trail you tend to ride often.

**Jerseys** – Aaron Hofelt had jerseys at the picnic on Sunday to try on for sizing, they will be roughly \$50.00. Money will need to be collected prior to ordering.

**Cooper's Gap** – Rich Wertz alluded to maybe needing help on Little Mountain, a 6-mile ridge trail. He will let us know the status when the time comes.

**Rothrock Challenge** – In case you're wondering what all the orange flags are on the trails (aside from the reroute flags) they are for the Rothrock Challenge, which will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. They are currently looking for volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, contact Craig Fleming (patraildogs@yahoo.com).

**Shed** – Dave Miller reported that a shed from Greenwood Structures would be roughly \$800.00, but would take approximately 3 weeks to get. More shed research is underway. The hope is to have one by the end of the week. Dave Miller will contact

Fred Wilson at Tussey to choose location for said shed. Erik Lenzing will review our insurance policy relative to loss due to theft.

**Lowes/Home Depot grants** – Dave Miller reported that he inquired with both Lowes and Home Depot relative to grant funding. They each have local and corporate grants. The local store funding is more flexible, but very competitive, with Lowes quoting roughly 25-30 requests a week. Terri Rudy will submit a corporate grant request to Home Depot and local grant requests (seeking hand tools) to both Home Depot and Lowes.

**Aikens** – Jeff Parker, Frank Maguire and Dave Pontzer walked the Aikens property and flagged a proposed trail that will lead from the parking lot to Greenshoot. The first section will most likely require a professional trail crew. Frank Maguire is working with Rich Edwards (IMBA) on grants, etc.

**Blazing** – Dave Pontzer will contact DCNR for paint to blaze new trails/reroutes appropriately.

**DCNR Recreational Shareholders Meeting** – will be held Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, at Greenwood Furnace. Any and all are invited to attend. DCNR is looking for feedback from various user groups.

**Treasurer Report** - Cathy DeSanto reported that the club currently has \$2,092.00.

**Tools** – we seem to have an adequate amount of trail maintenance tools, but not trail building tools. We will look into purchasing some needed trail building tools.

**Beginner Rides** – Erik Lenzing asked for suggestions for alternate beginner ride areas. The following were discussed as possibilities: around Colyer Lake, Boal Gap, Shavers Creek, Toftrees and the Kistler property (once the trails are established).

**Website** – a meeting will be set up to develop a plan for the website. So far, Dave Miller, Erik Lenzing, Nick Sloff, and Tara Verity are interested in working on the website. Any other interested persons may contact Dave Miller or Erik Lenzing.

**Trail work spreadsheets** – we hope to post spreadsheets to the website to allow for individuals to see what work needs to be completed. One will be for maintenance and the other for new trail projects/reroutes. This will help if someone wants to go out and do trail work on their own, so they know what needs to be done.

**Turkey season** – Please remember that Turkey season is all day now until the end of May. Please take adequate precaution.

**Future meetings – Dates and times will be announced. Please watch the website and/or NMBA e-mails for details.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Terri L. Rudy, Secretary