

Minutes of Nittany Mountain Biking Association
Meeting of Members
September 19, 2011

A meeting of the members of Nittany Mountain Biking Association (NMBA) was held September 19, 2011, at Schlow Memorial Library, State College, PA. 20 members were present at the meeting.

Clearwater Conservancy

Clearwater Conservancy has reached their goal to purchase the 152 acre parcel in the Galbraith Gap area. NMBA will be partnering with Clearwater to create a trail from Bear Meadows Road to Laurel Run Road.

Liability Insurance

We received the quote for the Liability Insurance for 2011-2012. The total cost is \$746.75. A motion was made to pay the insurance; it will be paid.

Jerseys

The jersey order will go in this week. We have about 43 orders.

Trail work Update

So far this year we have over 750 hours logged on the website.

We've built 2 new trails on the Kistler property and successfully rerouted Lonberger. John Dennis is going to donate a power wheelbarrow to finish laying out shale on Lonberger.

We've erected a tool shed and purchased new tools with membership dues and donations.

DCNR would like us to fix the 'bad' trails first before we build new trails.

We are currently working on the New Laurel Run Trail reroute and once it's complete will move on to the Maguire reroute.

On September 24th, Frank Maguire is leading a trail work day on New Laurel Run Trail.

If anyone knows of an Eagle Scout who is looking for a project have them contact Dave Pontzer; they could erect signs in Rothrock or do trail blazing as their project.

Dave Pontzer and Tom Kistler have flagged a reroute for Beer Tap Trail.

We are going to utilize community service workers for trail work.

John Dennis and Aaron Pontzer volunteered to lead a trail work day on October 9th.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy DeSanto reported that we have about 110 paid members for 2011. There are still some members who have not paid their 2011 dues. Our balance is \$1,218. We've received a number of donations and purchased some power equipment (2 KombiSystems, Chainsaw), safety equipment and hand tools.

Radical Reels Film Tour

C3PA is hosting a film festival on Tuesday, September 27th at the State Theatre. NMBA donated \$100 to the film festival. NMBA's logo will appear in the brochure and on the film screen. Dave Miller was the lucky NMBA member who won 2 tickets to the event.

Beginner Ride Report

Dave Miller and Nick Sloff reported that the rides have been going well and have had quite a few riders. The rides have unfortunately been cancelled the last two weeks due to weather. Dave noted that participants now need to bring some type of light for the ride. The rides will most likely cease in October due to the lack of daylight.

PSU Forest Fest

NMBA will be participating in PSU's Forest Fest on Sunday, September 25th, from 10am-3pm.

IMBA/NMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

TKMBD will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Shaver's Creek from 10am-3pm. NMBA is still looking for more volunteers. Please contact Terri if you are interested in volunteering.

NMBA Fall Group Ride

NMBA's Fall Group Ride will be on Sunday, October 2nd, at Black Moshannon State Park. There will be three rides: Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner. Aaron Hofelt, Aaron Pontzer and Dave Pontzer agreed to be ride leaders/sweepers. If anyone else would like to volunteer to lead or sweep please let Terri know.

Adopt-a-Highway

The sign is now up at the entrance of Bear Meadows Road. NMBA needs to schedule a trash pick-up day in October (mandatory months as per PennDOT are April and October). Aaron Hofelt suggested a Friday evening.

Website

No update.

New Business

Centre LifeLink – Peter Kauffman suggested we have Centre LifeLink come to a meeting to talk about the importance of mountain bikers being trained in first aid. We also discussed the possibility of a group first aid training day.

1% For the Planet – Mike Hermann suggested we look into being a recipient of 1% For the Planet. Terri will follow up.

Raffle License – we are looking into obtaining a raffle license.

Safety Chaps and Loppers – Dave Pontzer noted that we need another pair of safety chaps since we have two chainsaws and only one pair of chaps. We also need more long handled loppers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Terri L. Rudy

Secretary & Interim President