

NMBA Meeting Minutes

02/20/12

19 members in attendance

1. Todd Erdley made an announcement concerning an upcoming meeting that will be held at Videon on March 8th at 12 noon. The meeting is to give information to local companies who are willing to follow in Videon's footsteps with the bicycle incentive program for employees. Todd's goal is to have five other companies start this program. Videon has already recaptured the investment with a drop in cost of health insurance for the company. Contact Todd Erdley with any questions or interest.

2. Bennett Hoffman of Teamwork Inc. is working presently with Tussey Mountain to offer many new things. They are currently working on a zip line and downhill mountain bike trails, and possibly a BMX track system. He would like to see the ski club open its doors year round giving mountain bikers a place to hang out after rides. He will discuss with Terri the possibility of leasing the building. This would also offer discounts on other amenities of Tussey Mountain.

3. T-Shirt Design

The Black T-Shirt with the bicycle which was designed by Scott Neal was the T-Shirt that was selected to be used for this year's membership drive. This T-Shirt is going to cost more than in years past. The board will discuss how to proceed.

4. Wise Crackers Fundraiser

Tickets are currently being sold for the Wise Cracker Fundraiser which is Friday April 6th at Celebration Hall. The club is also having a silent auction which will start at 6pm to help raise money for NMBA. If you would like to donate an item to auction or a monetary donation to help in the purchase of appetizers, contact Terri. One of the headliners, Chris Coccia, is a mountain biker. Celebration Hall holds a total of 400 people. This could be a very profitable fundraiser for NMBA. NMBA keeps \$7.00 for each ticket sold. See Terri to purchase tickets.

5. Trails

NMBA is formulating a trail committee which will consist of 5-8 people. This committee will deal with paperwork for the approval of new trails, heading trail work days and developing a plan to maintain trails. If you have an interest on being on this committee contact Terri.

Ezra Nanes is working on his MBA and has chosen to work on the trails for his Community Submersion Project. He will be starting February 27th for the week. He will be posting information concerning this project on the website and face book. All interested should contact him.

New Laurel Run Trail

A community service day is scheduled for March 31st to complete New Laurel Run Trail. 35 community service people will be available to us for the day. Please contact Dave Pontzer if you can help with the supervision of this project.

Lower Trail

Lower trail is flagged and just waiting for approval from Forestry. If approval comes before Ezra starts his submersion project he will work on this, otherwise he will work on Maguire.

Maguire

There will be sections of the Maguire re-route that will be altered as per DCNR. Originally we needed to keep the reroute within the existing trail corridor. DCNR has changed their position and have allowed for the trail to span farther away from the trail corridor.

New Trail

A new proposed trail is being marked which will parallel Laurel Run Road. It will begin at three Bridges and go to Little Shingletown. One concern with the addition of this trail is the fear that Forestry will close down Old Laurel due to trail density. It will need to be submitted before we will know.

IMBA Trail Care Crew

NMBA was approved for IMBA to come and do a small project from June 21-24th. Two ideas were to either work on the Chute off Lonberger or the eroding switchback on Green Shoot. They will have classroom instruction as well as work on the trails as part of their program.

DCNR Trail Work Day

DCNR will have a trail work day on April 21st. They will try to bring in other user groups and teach basic skills as well as chain saw safety.

6. TSE

Terri noted that Ray Adams wanted to remind everyone that members wishing to receive the NMBA discount when they sign up for the TSE must sign up before March 1st.

7. Monthly Group Rides

Terri brought it to the attention of the members that Aaron Hofelt suggested that we have monthly group rides that would allow for new members to ride different locations in the forest in order to learn the trail systems. A different person could lead each ride, and at different locations (Cooper's Gap, Black Mo, etc.). If you have an interest in leading a ride please contact Aaron or Terri.

8. Information on Trails

It was suggested that information regarding which trails to stay off during wet conditions be posted at a trail kiosk.

It was also mentioned that because of all the rain we had last year it is especially important to get the trails brush cut back to help avoid the problems with ticks. There needs to be a 2 to 3 year rotation on brush cutting on the trails. This will be on the Trail Committee agenda.

9. Election of Board Members

There was an election of Board Members and the following Members were elected.

John Dennis, Jim Glover, Russ Hildebrand, Scott Hildebrand, Erik Lenzing, Dave Pontzer, Allen Runkle and Tara Verity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Carol Younkins, Secretary

