

NMBA Meeting Minutes

03/19/12

20 members in attendance

1. Appalachian Outdoors is having their Spring Sidewalk Sale (Outdoor Expo) Saturday, April 14th from 10-6. This year they have permission to close the street and encourage other businesses to participate. Dirt Rag will be in attendance as well as RMBA. That evening at 7pm will be the BAMFF Film Festival.
2. The T-Shirts have been ordered and will be coming in later in the week. Terri will have them with her. See her for your shirt once dues have been paid.

3. Calendar

April 6th- Wise Crackers Comedy Club Fund Raiser. Tickets are 15 dollars and are available at the Bicycle Shop, Freeze Thaw and from Terri Rudy-Pontzer.

April 22nd- Donna Matthews is hosting a Mixer with the Women's Adventure Group at her house at 5:30pm. There was a huge interest in mountain biking among the group, approximately 35 women. All STD's are encouraged to attend. Donna is hoping to lead some women's beginner rides in Scotia.

STD Jersey's are available for sale until the end of March. They are \$40 for NMBA members and \$60 for non-members.

April 27th- Adopt- A-Road trash pick-up (Bear Meadows Road) will begin at 5:30. Meet at the Galbraith Gap parking lot. After the clean-up, happy hour will be at Carol Younkins house. Please bring something to share.

May 3rd- Intro/Beginner Rides will begin. They will be on Thursdays again this year. There is a need for members to help lead and sweep the rides. Currently the leaders are working on a calendar for members to sign up for particular days to help with the rides. These rides are meant for beginner riders.

May 12 or May 13- Spring Ride. The ride will start and end at the Tussey Pavilion. LORBA and RMBA will be invited. Will also ask the Road Riding Group to see if they want to do a ride and join us for the picnic after. Terri will be in contact with the various groups. Judge Tom Kistler will be providing a keg at the Tap for the Mountain Biking Group.

4. Trail Plan

The Trail Committee met and formulated a working trail plan. It will be posted to the website.

March 31st-Trail work day on New Laurel Run Trail. There will be 35 community service workers and 4 trail leaders in attendance. It will start at 9am, meeting at the shed. Members are encouraged to attend if they can. Additional people are needed to keep the community service workers on task.

April 14th-Maguire Bench Cutting with 30 community service people, 3 trail leaders. Still need many more members to attend and lead.

April 21st-DCNR Conservation Day. If you are interested in attending you need to pre-register. It will start with a lower trail re-route followed by lunch and a program on injury awareness. It would be nice to have a good representation from NMBA especially in the morning trail work session.

June 21-24-IMBA will be here to give in house education on trail work and work on a small project. The plan is to work on the 1st left hand switchback on Green Shoot.

June 21st-Terri is working with the State Theatre to show Petal Driven. There are hopes that NMBA would be able to raise some funds while educating various user groups.

5. Treasurers Report-Dues are due during the month of April. They are 30 dollars per member. They can be mailed to NMBA, PO Box 1215, State College, PA 16804 or paid via PayPal to membership@nittanymba.org. Currently there are 150+ members. There is approximately \$2,000 in the checking account.
6. TSE-TSE will pay \$25/hour for trail work for those that are signed up for the TSE as a deduction in the total costs.
7. Rich Straub has been brush cutting Mondays and Thursdays around 5:30 to dark. If interested in helping please contact him. It is imperative that the trails are brush cut to cut down on the ticks.

Please remember to record your trail work hours on the website as well as recording what is done and what needs done. If you have questions as to what needs done, you can contact a Trail Work Committee Member. They are as follows: John Dennis, Aaron Hofelt, Frank Maguire, Aaron Pontzer, Dave Pontzer, Terri Rudy-Pontzer, Howie Shultz, Jason Stout, Rich Straub and Mark Werkheiser.
8. Will Farwell is requesting help in marking out about 4 miles of trail on his and a neighbors property. TSE may be using it for their race. Please contact him at 814-466-7658.
9. Happy Valley Biking will be having its first race on July 7th in Rothrock. Members can register with a discounted rate of \$35 and non-members for \$45. There will be two races, a 10 mile and a 25 mile. They are hoping that the race will be profitable so that they can give money back to the club for future trail projects.

10. Terri and Russ Hildebrand met with Bennett Hoffman of Tussey Mountain and felt it was in the best interest of the club not to lease the clubhouse in their off seasons. They are currently looking at ways that NMBA can possibly help to build/maintain the downhill trails in exchange for using pavilions or various areas of Tussey (for example holding an event such as Dirt Fest) and discounts on Tussey amenities for members.

Carol Younkins, Secretary