

NMBA Meeting Minutes

Carol Slagle Younkins, Secretary

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28 members in attendance

1. Brett, Dave and Ben of the PSU Cycling Team spoke with the membership regarding a race which is scheduled for September 29 and 30. There will be both Cross Country and Downhill events. There will be Collegiate and Open divisions with the possibility of age groups. The costs to register for this event are approximately twenty dollars with the proceeds benefiting the PSU Cycling team. They have been working with Jacob from DCNR cleaning up and rerouting Wild Cat and plan to have some trail work days in the near future. Please check the website or Facebook if you are interested in helping.
2. Old Business-The Trail Care Crew event was very successful. The final project was the switchback on Green Shoot which is much more manageable.
3. Treasurers report-Currently there are 150 paid and active members (with 180 total members). The balance of the account is 7,144.50. There have been several recent donations including West Arete, Russ Hildebrand and Happy Valley Biking. There have been several requests from the donors to have the donations go to specific items, for example machinery. Donations from the Trail Mix are currently at \$890.
4. Fall Group Ride-The membership voted and chose Sunday, September 23 to be the date of the fall group ride. The location will be at RB Winter or the McCall Dam. More information will be available at a later date.
5. Take a Kid Mountain Biking is scheduled for October 6th. Please see Terri if you are interested in helping out with this event. We hope to hold it at Shaver's Creek again this year.
6. September 8th is the Light Step, Bright Step event. There is a need for members to man a booth from 9-6 that day. See Terri if interested.
7. NMBA Jersey Order-NMBA jerseys will be the same as last year except that the blue areas will be orange. They will be \$40 each and available in different cuts in short sleeve and sleeveless. The Bicycle Shop and Freeze Thaw are willing to sell them in their stores for a price of \$60. It was also decided that a T-Shirt order should be done to put in the stores for sale. Watch for more information via email.
8. Town Trails-With the development of some of the local Town Trails, NMBA is looking to find areas that trails can be built that will not be destroyed due to future development. One idea was to work with the PSU Outing Club and possibly build some trails by the deer pens. Another area of interest is the Haugh land in Scotia. When this land was transferred to the township there was an agreement that a portion of the land needed to be kept as farm land. Eric Vorwald will contact Susan Wheeler, of the Park and Recreation division of Patton Township to see if there is a possibility for some of the green space land to have trails built on them. The Arboretum is another area of interest. This land connects to the Deer pens. The contact for this area would be Dr. Steiner of PSU Forestry. There is a master plan in place for the development of the land. If the trails are kept within the master plan it may be a possibility. The plan is not very flexible.

9. Trail Work Update-The current plan for trail work is to polish the new trails that were recently added before new ones are built. Some areas that need to be worked on are benching sections on Green Shoot, New Laurel Run and Maguire. Ideas of having regular trail work days on either a Sunday evening or Monday evening were discussed. The Trail plan is posted on the website under Articles. New Trails will not be addressed until our current ones are maintained. A possible new trail paralleling Laurel Run Road could be the next once maintenance is done. There are hopes that we could use a mini excavator for this trail since the funds are there. See Terri if you are interested in becoming trained in running machinery to build trails.
10. Camp for Sale on Corner Road. \$85,000.
11. Congratulations to the recent members of the month:
 - June-John Dennis
 - July-Ezra Nanes
 - August-Grant CormanThank you for your continued support of the trails and NMBA.