

## NMBA Meeting Minutes

Carol Slagle Younkins, Secretary

09/17/12

16 members in attendance

1. Jersey/Short Order-An email will be sent out soon regarding the order for jerseys and shorts. There will be approximately 2 weeks to order. The jerseys will be the same as last year except that the "color" portion will be orange. Options and sizing will be detailed in the email. The club is pursuing approval to purchase additional jerseys to have for sale at The Bicycle Shop and Freeze Thaw. There will be a 20 dollar mark-up on these.
2. Fall Group Ride-This year's fall group ride will be Sunday, September 23 at RB Winter State Park. We will meet at Pavilion #1, with a ride time of 10am. There will be three levels of rides (beginner, intermediate, and advanced). After the ride we will meet back at the pavilion at 2pm for a picnic. The road bike club and women's adventure club will be joining us. Sloppy Joes, Chili Dogs and water will be provided by NMBA. Please bring a dish or beverage to share.
3. Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day-Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center will be the take a kid mountain biking day. Volunteers are needed to help with the rides and food set-up. This year they are planning on two rides going out depending on age and ability. Sandwiches and cookies will be provided by NMBA.
4. Fall Trail Maintenance-18 people showed up for trail maintenance on 9/16/12 to work on the bench cutting on Green Shoot. There is still a little more rock work and bench cutting to be done. They worked for 2 hours and ended the day with pizza and beer in the lot. We may be holding the next trail maintenance day on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30. Please watch for details. Plans are to finish bottom of Green Shoot.
5. Mini-Excavator-John Dennis was looking into training on the mini excavator and didn't find much out there. There was discussion that the club should rent a mini excavator for a day and see how it does on a trail like New Laurel Run. Terri is looking into approval from DCNR and checking liability insurance with rented equipment.
6. Town Trails-Eric Vorwald looked into the possibility of expanding the trails at the Haugh I Tract in Scotia and at Patton Woods. Basically, no expansion is allowed with new trails. The Arboretum has an ecological restoration group which has a trail work day scheduled to improve their trails. It was mentioned that they would probably just want nature trails for walking. It probably would not be a good idea to pursue mountain biking trails there. The idea of beginner trails below Fillmore was mentioned again. They were previously shot down from DCNR. Dave Pontzer mentioned that he will write a letter to the State Game Lands regarding the possibility of

building a perimeter trail around Spring Creek. This could be a multi-use trail to aid the fisherman, hunters and mountain bike community. It was mentioned that Randy Moore re-opened a fisherman's trail off of Shiloh road. They were not allowed to use any power tools to clear or build the trail.

7. New Business-Freeze Thaw donated a Salsa Horsethief Bike to be raffled off to benefit the Galbraith Gap trail at Clearwater Conservancy. Tickets are 20 dollars each with the drawing on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Radical Reels will be shown at the State Theatre October 2, 2012 at 7pm. Lyle Domico won two tickets at this meeting drawing.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the State Theatre. Proceeds benefit Clearwater Conservancy.

8. Beginner's Rides- It was mentioned that lights should now be a requirement for the beginner rides. Terri was going to talk to Sam as to whether the time will change to 5:30 to also help with daylight. More leaders are unable to lead and sweep rides due to family commitments with the new school year. There will be a Cooper's Gap Beginner's ride September 30, 2012. We will meet at the Galbraith Gap parking lot at 9am and car-pool over to the shale pit. Ride is planned to leave at 10am. This ride is being planned to give the beginners a chance to ride on different terrain during daylight hours.
9. Traffic of the Trails-There was a concern that with all the traffic on the trails, they were becoming much wider. It was mentioned that out west they have adopted the KSTS (Keep Single Track Single) logo to remind riders the importance of this. The need to educate the community is necessary but it is also difficult to reach all of the parties that are using the trails. It was mentioned that something could be posted at the Kiosk in the lot.