

NMBA Meeting Minutes

11/19/12

22 members in attendance

1. Jersey Order-Jerseys are in and being distributed. If you ordered a jersey and have not received it, please contact Terri to coordinate pick-up. After seeing the jerseys several people have indicated that they would like to purchase one or additional jerseys. If there is enough interest another order will be placed. The cost for a short sleeve jersey is \$40 and the long sleeve jersey is \$50. Contact Terri if interested.
2. Corner Road/Camp Trail-Camp owners or leasers have complained to DCNR about bikers/hikers using the private property on Corner Road. DCNR does not want to be involved. NMBA's position on use of Camp Trail/Corner Road is that they should not be used unless you have permission from the landowners. DCNR may close the top section of Camp trail to where it meets up to private property this spring. This is under discussion. Judge Kistler has talked to all the involved landowners and their response is that they do not object to having bikers/hikers use Corner Road as long as they stay on the road and are respectful of their property.
3. Trail Work-Dave, Terri, John, Heather McNabb, Steve, MaryDean, James Kelly, Darryl Reed, Ray Burnyack, Neil Millar, Rich Wertz and others recently spent a weekend bench cutting and building berms on Bail Out and Leniency Trail. They rented a mini excavator for this. This resulted in a beautiful, fun and sustainable trail. The Foresters were impressed with the trail work and would allow for future trail building/repair with the mini excavator on State land. John and Dave have looked into ways of purchasing a mini excavator for the club. They are currently working on getting approval for a grant which would fund 80% of the cost. There are many advantages of the club having their own equipment. The rentals have not been well maintained and thus make it more difficult to work on the trails. If the club were to purchase one, it could be customized for the club's needs. If the grant were to be approved, the club would need approximately \$6,000 to purchase it. John had several ideas for fund raising for the equipment. Some of them include a NMBA race, Bike Raffles, and hosting a Rothrock ride during Dirt Fest.
4. Fund-Raising-Other ideas of fund raisers included the Comedy Club and silent auction. This was well received last year and profitable. Terri will look into the venue for the event. Other ideas include doing something during the 4th Fest; possibly a NMBA sponsored ride. The idea of a bike raffle with a pieced together bike with donations of various parts was well received. Another idea was just asking members to donate towards the purchase of the machinery.
5. Membership Gift Survey-The results of the membership gift survey was the moisture wicking T-shirts. These are a little more costly than the previous blend T-shirts. Mike Bush mentioned that he was able to get a moisture wicking shirts for about \$9 a piece. He will be in touch with Terri with the contacts information.
6. Events-
 - a. The Nittany Valley Half Marathon is Sunday, December 2nd. NMBA will have a water station again this year. It will be in the same location on Puddingtown Road. Runners will probably be coming through around 11am.

- b. The NMBA Holiday Party will be at the Matthews' home again this year on Saturday, January 19th. Their home is located on Aspen Drive, Boalsburg. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own beverage.
- c. Ray Adams of the Outdoor Experience offered to the club a credit on the race registration for trail work done on trails that are used in the race. He will give a credit of \$25 per hour. You can contact him at ray@outdoorexperienceorg.com

Carol Slagle Younkins, Secretary