

NMBA Meeting Minutes

11/19/12

24 members in attendance

1. Scott Bike Raffle-A 950 Scott Scale will be raffled off on Saturday May 18th at DirtFest. There are 500 tickets available for purchase at \$10.00 a piece. Tickets are available through NMBA, at Rothrock Outfitters and will also be sold at DirtFest. The proceeds will support the trails in Rothrock.
2. Trail Plan-Dave recently met with the Foresters. Their priority is for us to fix the existing trails (i.e. Kistler, Maguire, New Laurel Run, and Tussey Extension) before building any new trails. The new trails that take priority are the Camp re-route and the Chute re-route. Landowners have been upset with bikers using Corner Road/Camp Trail. It is NMBA's position that you should not ride this trail/road unless you have permission from the landowners.
3. Trash Clean-Up Day-We will be picking up trash along Bear Meadows Road and the Galbraith Gap Parking lot on April 26th beginning at 5:30pm. We will meet at the Galbraith Gap parking lot. After the clean-up we will meet at Carol Younkens house for happies. Please feel free to bring a beverage or snack to share.
4. Beginner Rides-The Beginner rides will begin on May 2nd. They are on Thursday's with the ride beginning at 6pm. Please meet at the Galbraith Gap parking lot at 5:45pm. Riders will need a mountain bike, helmet and water. Volunteers are needed to lead and sweep rides. Please contact Terri if you are interested in helping.
5. Spring Group Ride-This year's spring group ride will be held on Sunday, June 2nd in Coopers Gap. The ride will leave at 11am from the Shale Pit. For those of you that would like to carpool or need directions should meet in the Galbraith Gap lot for a 10:15am departure. Please bring a dish to share as well as your own beverage. NMBA will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.
6. Membership Dues-Dues are now due for the 2013 year. They are \$30 and with that you will receive a Tech T-shirt. This year we will be using the Behind Bars for Life logo in black and white. The T-shirts will be available in women's and men's styles. If you pay by Pay Pal and pick up your shirt from Freeze Thaw or The Bicycle Shop, please bring your receipt. We are hoping to have T-shirts available by the end of May.
7. Grants-The Recreational Trail Program grant has been submitted by Terri Rudy. We are hoping to hear back about the grant in December or January. This grant would provide \$30,000 worth of funding to purchase the mini excavator and other trail machinery. Kirsty Lloyd submitted a grant to the Centre County Visitor's Bureau for approximately \$3,000. We should hear back about this grant in May or June. The funds from this grant would be used to rent a mini-excavator to help with trail building over the summer months.
8. DirtFest-RMBA is looking for volunteers for DirtFest. They will give free admission for anyone who volunteers six hours of time. To sign up for this go to DirtFest's webpage and click on the volunteer link provided. Any women that are interested in volunteering during the women's clinics please email Trina at trina@dirtragemag.com. The clinics are on Friday at 3pm, Saturday at 10am and 2pm, and Sunday at 10am.

9. Trail Work Day-There currently is not a scheduled trail work day. If anyone would like to form small groups and go out, brush cutting is needed on Tussey Ridge, Lower Trail and Bald Knob. A crew of 4 to 6 is ideal; 2 running brush cutters with others using loppers and raking behind. The signs are all up except three which go to the Shingletown area. Eric Marshall and Craig Fleming will be installing those.
10. Website-Tara and Beckee have been working on the website. Nothing new to report at this time.
11. Rothrock Trail Mix-The price for the Trail Mix is \$45 for NMBA members and \$50 for Non-Members. This price will include a Tech-T. Those who pre-register will receive a pint glass and beer after the race. The race is Saturday, June 8th.
12. Thank you- A special thank you goes out to Brian Julius who organized the shed for the upcoming year. It looks great!

Carol Younkins, Secretary