

NMBA Meeting Minutes

08/19/13

22 members in attendance

1. Trail Work- On 8/18, thirteen people showed up for trail work lead by Terri and Dave. The Ridge was cleared from Filmore to the end of the burn section.
2. DCNR had their Conservation Day on 8/10/13. Jeremy Wimpey led the classroom segment teaching the volunteers how to build sustainable trails. Later that day they began the Chute re-route. It was mentioned that NMBA should have at least one class a year to teach new members how to build sustainable trails. The classes seem to be very helpful. It was also mentioned that NMBA should invite others from different organizations to attend.
3. Aaron Hofelt submitted a trail proposal to DCNR. This proposed trail would link Three Bridges to the beginning of Bald Knob Ridge. He believes it would take about 60-70 club hours to build. He would like to have the backing of NMBA for submission to DCNR. This trail would help eliminate traffic on Laurel Run Road. DCNR may want to have the club fix other trails before beginning a new trail. At this point we are waiting to hear about the grant to purchase a mini excavator to help with the fixing of the trails, thus DCNR may approve this request. Terri relayed that DCNR would like all trail proposals submitted on behalf NMBA to be submitted through one contact so DCNR knows that NMBA is behind the project. The proposals shall be submitted through the trail liason, Dave Pontzer. As a result of this trail proposal not following the protocol that was established by DCNR, it was decided there were some miscommunication issues. Dave Pontzer will contact DCNR for clarification in regards to the proposal.
4. A request was made to have more people lead trail work days. Some ideas to increase trail work among the membership was to give free membership to those members who perform a certain number of trail work hours annually. This may be considered in the future. Neil Millar and Clay Chiles will lead the next trail work days. Date to be determined.
5. Website-Tara and Beckee have been working on the new website which should be available by the end of the year. The website will have a modern look. It will be simple and easy to use as well as being integrated with other social media.
6. Seven Mountains Conservation Corp's Raven MTB Enduro will be held September 15, 2013. Ryan Eisenhower came and spoke to the club about the Raven Enduro which will showcase the newly built trails. An Enduro is basically a cross country course with timed segments within the loop. Typically the downhills are timed as the climbs are not. They are offering \$10 off for NMBA members. Registration is on Bike Reg and is \$45 for NMBA members which include a post race meal. Race begins at 10am. If anyone is interested in volunteering, timers could be used. Contact Ryan at reisenhower@teledyne.com.
7. Colyer Lake DAM Fundraiser is being held on September 15th. Scott Sheeder, Secretary of Save Colyer Lake, was explaining that the DAM has been around since the '50s and now is unstable and very acidic. Colyer Dam could be the first of several dam's that could be fixed but they need to demonstrate that the community cares. There will be mountain bike rides, people kayaking and music and food. Registration is \$20/person or \$40/family. They will be doing an aerial photograph

at 2:30 of all the activity on the lake. If the Dam should fail it could wash out 70 homes and an elementary school. It will take 6.8 million dollars to fix but could be tied to the transportation bill.

8. Terri will be doing a presentation to a Recreation, Park and Tourism class at Penn State. They need to do a project and develop 8 lesson plans. If you have any ideas for possible projects email Terri. The culmination of the project will be sometime in November. One idea was a Comedy Club Fundraiser with silent auction.
9. Fall Group Ride-will be out of Bald Eagle this year. The date will be determined based on the availability of the ride leaders.
10. Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day will be held either the last weekend of September or second weekend of October. Terri is checking with Shaver's Creek to see availability of their facility.
11. Beginner's Rides-Betty Harper is the organizer for volunteers who are leading and sweeping rides. There have been about 6 members on each ride, and the rides have been very well attended by riders. If you have an interest in helping contact Betty. Jason Stout asked about bringing back the Wednesday night rides. If anyone wants to get a regular weekly NMBA ride organized, contact Terri. There was then discussion about how there are various rides already throughout the week: the Bicycle Shop has their rides Tuesday nights at 5:30, Eddies has a ride at the Accuweather trails Monday night, FOCG does a Wednesday night ride out of Cooper's Gap, and Freeze Thaw has a gravel ride Wednesday nights at Tussey.
12. MTB Project is a new app and website created by IMBA. It enables you to download maps of "rides" and trail systems. It works without cell service if you download to your phone in advance. This is a great resource if you are traveling and want to look up rides in that area.
13. IMBA Epic-IMBA is updating their Epic rides. Dave Pontzer submitted the Rothrock Trail mix with the addition of Croyle to IMBA as a possible new IMBA Epic. The Epic ride in this area is very outdated as there are many nicer trails to ride. Having an Epic Ride is very good for tourism. If anyone else wants to submit an Epic ride it can be done through IMBA.
14. RMBA is having a thank you party on Sunday, August 25th. There will be rides going out and a ride-in BBQ/Cook out. For more information see the NMBA Facebook page.
15. RMBA will also be doing a gear swap on October 12th. NMBA members can sell their stuff for no entry charge. They will be doing it behind Rothrock Outfitters. Just bring a table and your stuff.

Carol Younkings, Secretary