

NMBA Meeting Minutes

10/21/13

21 members in attendance

1. Group Ride-The group ride has been changed to November 3, 2013 at 11:00 am. The rides will be leaving from the Galbraith Gap parking lot. The date was changed due to a conflicting activity. The previous group ride date is also the date for rifle hunting for Juniors, Seniors, people with disabilities and the Military. It is also opening day for muzzle loaders. The NMBA Fall party will remain on Saturday, October 26th at the home of Donna Matthews at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish/beverage to share and a lawn chair.
2. Community Service Trail Day-There will be a trail work day on Sunday, October 27. There will be 15 community service individuals working but there is a need for leaders to run the brush cutters. The shifts can be broken up from 8-12 or 12-4. Please contact Dave Pontzer if you are interested. They will be finishing up the brush cutting on the Ridge.
3. Logging on Lonberger Trail-DCNR will be logging on Lonberger Trail beginning in November. Please be aware that they will be crossing the trail with their trucks. Please be cautious with your speed and look out for these vehicles.
4. Mini-Excavators-Ryan Eisenhower and Mark Farbaugh spend last weekend operating two different excavators to help determine which excavator would be the more desirable for the clubs needs. In the process they bench cut around 700 feet of Leniency Trail. It was determined that the larger of the two would better suit the club. This machine was much more powerful and better suited for rock removal. The controls of the larger machine were more consistent with other machines that machine handlers are used to as well as being much safer for the handler. It would end up costing the club \$4,000 more than the smaller mini-excavator if the grant were approved.
5. RPTM Class-The RPTM class has chosen their fund raising event which is to be held on November 10th. The event will be called "Treading for Trails". They will be using the stationary bikes either at the North Club or Lion Heart downtown. They are also hoping to do something for children at Tudek Park if the event is at the North Club.
6. Social Media-Clay mentioned that there is now a social media site called Bike State College. If you would like to post anything bike related in the borough, please contact him.
7. Website-Tara mentioned that the website is almost done. She plans to show it at the next meeting.
8. IMBA Chapter Club-Frank Maguire, IMBA MidAtlantic Regional Director, came to talk to us about becoming a chapter club. Currently, we are an affiliate club. Historically, IMBA has just dealt with trail building until the last six years. This has changed with the development of Chapter Clubs. If we would become a chapter club, IMBA and NMBA would share memberships. NMBA could possibly gain around 20 current memberships, plus any future memberships. The financial split would be 60% IMBA / 40% NMBA from fees collected from annual club dues. IMBA would not take any monies collected from donations or fund raisers. In exchange for the split membership, IMBA would send out membership cards and give us access to sample grant proposals to aid us in writing grants. They also have a CPA available to answer any tax questions. IMBA would also assist the club with various issues that would come up on a day to day basis, for example dealing with DCNR at the state level when issues came up (e.g., making Ross trail a hiking only trail). As volunteers, members don't

have enough time to be at the forefront of these issues and IMBA could assume that responsibility on NMBA's behalf and on the behalf of trail users. It would also be their hope to be able to follow the club through with any leadership changes in obtaining the clubs goals.

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