

NMBA Meeting Minutes

12/16/13

16 members in attendance

1. Board Meeting-Prior to the membership meeting, the board met to discuss the possibility of becoming a chapter club of IMBA. More discussion regarding this issue will continue in January. There is no hurry to make a decision.
2. Mini-Ex Grant-NMBA just received a letter from DCNR regarding the grant for the mini-excavator. There were 366 applications and 205 were approved. NMBA did not receive a grant.
3. Website-Beckee reported that the website is in its final stages. She and Tara are currently working with a focus group of 10 people. They are getting good feedback from the focus group, and hoping to be able to launch the new website by the end of January. There are no guarantees on the date but hopeful.
4. Volunteers for Officers and Board Members-The current officers are looking for volunteers to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as Board members. If anyone is interested in volunteering for one of these positions please contact Terri, Cathy or Carol. There will be an election of officers at the January meeting and election of the Board at the February meeting. The Board will consist of the 4 newly elected officers and 8 additional elected members.
5. Club Goals for 2014-Terri asked for suggestions as to goals for 2014. One suggestion was to have more notice for trail work days as well as to be more structured, of course this would require more participation on the part of trail leaders to orgaizers. Another was to refine the Trail Plan to current goals (e.g., Musser Gap?). It was suggested that in conjunction with DCNR we make a top three list of trails to work on for the year. It was also mentioned that maybe Thursday night's beginner ride be switched to a group ride night, breaking up in various group levels, that way the beginner's ride will really be a "beginner" ride and people can move up to different levels as they progress.
6. RPTM Class-The class project for RPTM was to have an Open Mic. Night at Webster's Café. Many community members and students came out to support this event. The class ended up making \$154.00 from raffle and food sales.
7. Member Recognition-Terri presented NMBA travel mugs to the following members for their support throughout the year. The travel mugs were secured as a donation for the RPTM Open Mic Night as were left overs.

CCVB Grant:
Kirsty Lloyd

Beginner Ride Leaders:

Nick Sloff
Betty Harper
Scott Sheeder
Brenda Kephart
Donna Matthews
Henry Margusity
Tara Verity
Beckee Julius
David Pontzer
Website:
Beckee Julius
Tara Verity

Trail work:

Neil Millar
Henry Margusity
David Pontzer
Thomas Kistler
Clay Chiles
Scott Corbin
Ryan Eisenhower
Mark Farabaugh
Aaron Hofelt

8. On Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 12 noon, Jamie Bestwick will be proposing a bike park at the Council of Governments. He will be proposing an Action Sports Park which would include a mountain bike skills area.
9. Next Meeting-January 20, 2014 at 7pm.

Carol Younkings, Secretary