

Monday 2015-02-09 - Agenda/Minutes

Board/Officers Attendees: Dave Celanto(X), Mike Dwyer (), Jim Glover (X), Aaron Hofelt (X), Matt Hunt (X), Brian Julius (), Michael Lindeman (X), Neil Millar (X), Dave Pontzer (), Terri Rudy (), Jason Stout (X), Lora Zimmerman (X)

1. Camp Trail update
 - a. Have all 3 MOU's signed, notarized, sent electronic copies to DCNR
 - b. MOU's cover the ability to bike, hike, run on Corner Rd and the trail. Does NOT allow for parking at the upper end of Corner Rd. on the private land.
 - c. Put in a name change request for Camp to be renamed Dylan's Path. This would be from the cable gate at the end of Corner Rd. up across the gas line up to the Beer Tap at the intersection of Tussey Mountain Trail & Dylan's Path.
 - d. DCNR and NMBA reiterate the need for all users to be respectful of private property and stay on the designated trail.
 - e. Trail availability is effective immediately.

2. Croyle update
 - a. Jeremy is on maps to support the DCNR/NMBA project on Croyle. He needs to finalize field design for these maps once the snow is off the trail (fingers crossed we get some dates in March that will work).
 - b. These will not require a NPDES permit, just a Huntingdon County Conservation District review and approval (if we stay under the disturbance area limits). Permit review was stated as a 2-6 week turnaround from HCCD; Jeremy have had a conversation with the Centre County Conservation District, and will meet with them once we have identified the priority projects to "add-on" to the Croyle project permitting effort. These are the smaller projects we spoke about to utilize the anticipated excess days for work the DCNR has committed to the Croyle Project.

3. Work in the pipeline
 - a. Greenwood - Dave C. Greenwood Ranger (Mike) is supportive of reopening some of the old ski trails, etc. at Greenwood for multiple trail users. Dave C. has a map, and based on some scouting reports that trails primarily need blazing and removal of deadfall and brush. Suggestion made to work with RMBA to complete the work, potentially having a work weekend/ party at the Greenwood Campground. Because trails were also historically (maybe currently?) used by horse riders, we may also want to reach out to equine groups to see if they are interested in assisting with trail clearing and maintenance.

 - b. Post Croyle -
 - i. DCNR's next priority project is cleaning up some sections of New Laurel. DCNR plans to use excess days they have set aside for the Croyle project to do some of the needed machine work on New Laurel.
 - ii. Greenlee Ridge trail expansion - DCNR is OK with NMBA moving forward with this now. Potter (DCNR) indicated that there is already a hunting/animal path on the ridge that is fairly "well defined" from the Whipple side but, would like to know where it might come out. We discussed that the best option if feasible would Bear Gap/Gettis Ridge/Croyle vicinity. Neil is working on maps of this area.
 - iii. Chris Scott had a trail person look at the trails in Greenwood; however, NMBA has not heard any feedback on the final report.
 - iv. DCNR has requested that no additional work be conducted at Musser Gap at this time. Forest management and access plans are currently in development. DCNR does support future expansion over from Musser.

- c. Fund raising
 - i. Centre Gives - Terri R., has volunteered for this. Neil will talk to DCNR to confirm trail priority so that we can advertise a theme for donations.
 - ii. Dirt Fest Rothrock rides Evan is supportive of NMBA leading rides on Friday (May 15) and Sunday (May 17) of DirtFest. NMBA must cover insurance for the ride, we cannot use DirtFest insurance. Jim is waiting to hear about sponsorship for Friday's ride (SMT?). Happy Valley Biking will sponsor Sunday's ride.
 - iii. Raffle - Board approved moving forward with bike raffle. Neil will pursue raffle permit. Suggestion made for adding secondary prize. Club approved use of funds to purchase the bike for the raffle. Neil will talk to the Bicycle Shop about ordering a bike with size options.
 - iv. PSU rides - Suggestion made for holding group rides on PSU football weekends. Can (1) charge fee and provide lunch, or (2) require membership into NMBA, which will add participants to the email list and potentially get additional participation in group activities.
 - v. Buy a foot of singletrack for \$5 (Mike). Raffle effort that has been VERY successful in other parts of the country. Offering a *Dream* bike for the winner. March/April is the deadline for 2015, so will plan on organizing for 2016 so that an advertising plan and trail concept can be well laid out and approved by all parties. Suggestions to advertise in DirtRag and potentially use crowdsourcing like Indiegogo to get wide participation, maybe PSU alumni publications?. Winner doesn't need to be in the State College area, so can cast a wide net.

4. Support

- a. TSE - needs an owner to co-ord volunteers (trail work, marshalls, course mark/sweep). Looking for more help since SCCC is no longer involved, also coordinate between BEMBA, FOCGer's. Event is scheduled for the week of May 25.
- b. Trailmix - Scheduled for June 13. Suggestion made for adding a more beginner route of about 12 miles to increase participation.
- c. 101
- d. Back Country Enduro (2 day event - still developing)

5. Calendar - Volunteers, coordinators, and participants wanted!!!

Apr 10 - Spring Trash Clean Up

Apr 26 - Spring Group Ride

May 05 - Centre Gives

Already covered owner (thanks Terri!!)

May 07 - Beginner rides - owner/volunteers for ride leader (3rd Thu Greenwood ride)

May 09 - Trailwork

May 15 - Dirtfest - Rothrock Rides

May 17 - Dirtfest - Coopers Gap Rides

May 24 - 30 Transylvania Epic

Jun 06 - Trailwork -

Jun 13 - Trailmix

Jul 11 - Summer group ride

Jul 25 - Wilderness 101

Aug 8 - Black Mo Race

Aug 15 - 16 Stans No Tubes Back Country Enduro

Aug 29 - Full moon ride

Sep 20 - Club ride (Raffle give away)

Oct 23 - Fall Trash Clean Up

Oct 25 - Fall Group Ride