

Monday 2015-03-16 - Agenda/Minutes

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

1. Centre Gives update - Terri has everything put together for application and will be submitting prior to the 3/17 deadline
2. Raffle status - Tickets have been approved and ordered. We will be picking up a bike from The Bicycle Shop that we can take around to events to show off a bike that could be won. In actuality, the winner will be able to exchange the bike for a different size or model of equal price (or pay the difference in price). NMBA members will be selling tickets at events through the summer, with the winner selected on 20 September. Neil contacted the Sierra Club to see if we can sell them at the Bamff Film Fest., and also working with App House during their expo
3. Croyle update - Not much to update--Jeremy still has some mapping/markings to complete, but can't get out until after snow melt.
4. Membership - reminder to PAY DUES!!! Dues can be paid online through PayPal <http://nittanymba.org/join/> or can bring dues and a membership form to a meeting or NMBA event. Annual dues are \$30 per person.
5. Trash Clean up date - Apr 10 - Spring Trash Clean Up will start at 5:30 at Galbraith Gap parking lot. After clean-up festivities TBD.
6. Spring ride - Apr 26 - Spring Group Ride -- Location and meeting time TBD, based on trail conditions.
7. Dirt Fest Rothrock rides - Still planning to do rides during DirtFest Weekend, leaving from Galbraith gap (Friday) and Greenwood (Sunday). Evan will send out ride information in email blasts starting next week (?). Ride leaders are still needed for both days! Rides are open for pre-registration only, so we will have a confirmed number of participants prior to ride day.
8. T-shirt sponsors - \$300.00 - Someone(s) needs to contact T-shirt sponsors to see if they are interested in sponsoring again this year. No volunteers at the meeting; Neil will send out an email to the group to solicit help.
9. TSE volunteer - Chris Jones contacted Neil looking for a commitment and contact person from NMBA to assist with the Transylvania Epic the week of Memorial Day. Clay may be able to lead effort, but need to confirm.
10. Trailwork - owner?? Neil will talk to Jason
11. PA Conservation Grant - \$300K available to clubs. Neil will be meeting with someone to start filling out forms. The Musser to Whipple connector may be a good project to work towards. If awarded, we wouldn't get the money for at least a year after the application.
12. Local ride series....I'm an SMCC (Seven Mountains Conservation Corp) member. We met last night and I was asked to raise the topic with NMBA as to whether we might want to jointly have some kind of 3 race series? I'm not entirely sure what this might look like, but The Raven race could be one of them, and NMBA and RMBA might host the other two? NMBA Board about a series of local races...Black Moshannon, Trail Mix, Raven, and Laurel Classic...just as ideas of a potential line-up. I feel a series has the potential to increase interest across the board. Not sure of how things would go for a 2015 series with time to organize being the issue. I really like the idea, since another local-ish series is a no go this year...Bike the Wilds... this is on this year.. Dave C. had some information, but we will contact Matt Spieglemeyer at SMCC to get more information. This may be a way to share advertising and other costs and encourage more sponsors.

13. Beginner Rides - Rides will be starting in a few weeks on Thursday nights. Betty is coordinating volunteer ride leaders and is looking for commitments! She will send out an email to the club. Ride leaders do not need to be the most skilled riders, but need to be patient. 2 to 4 ride leaders (leader and sweep) are needed for each ride. Neil & Betty will work to get the list merged over from the PSU list server to mailchimp so we can have one coordinated list.

14. Bike Racks in Bellefonte - Cory is working with Downtown of Bellefonte on effort to get bike racks installed around town. He is looking for ideas to get folks involved, eg. Grants, bike rack art competition, others??