

NMBA March 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 2016

Location: State College Borough Building

Attendees: President: Neil Millar

Treasurer: Aaron Hofelt

Secretary: Brad Swope

Approximately 8 other members present

CALENDAR DATES:

- Appalachian Expo April 9th
 - Need coverage from approximately 10AM to 5PM in Appalachian Outdoors
 - Anne and Mary Kate previously agreed to help
 - Kelly agreed to open and be there approximately 10AM to 12PM
 - Ho agreed to do approximately 3-5PM
- Banff Film Festival
 - It was noted that previous years did not result in many raffle ticket sales
 - After a discussion of the pros and cons it was decided not to put up a table this year
- Trailwork - April 10th
 - This is an all day (8-5) event with community service volunteers
 - Corey is leading this effort
 - Will be in done in Tussey Ridge area. A member noted that huckleberries should be lowered and not necessarily removed. The idea is to improve line of sight.
 - It was noted that work needs done in the Beer Tap and Extension areas where some trees are down [ed note: not sure if this part of the discussion was directed to April 10th or April 17th trailwork]

- Trailwork - April 17th
 - This will be an NMBA effort approximately 8:30 to noon with a ride afterwards
 - Possibly finish the 2nd half of John Wert not done on March 20th (see below)
- April Meeting will be on April 18th
- Trash Cleanup will be on April 22nd - Lora is coordinating. Start time may be approximately 4:30

TRAILWORK:

- Trailwork day occurred on March 20th
 - Started at Bear Meadows end of John Wert Path
 - Approximately 8:30 to noon
 - Approximately 9 individuals participated
 - Cut back brush (mostly rhododendrons)
 - Placed rock in several wet areas
 - Completed about half of John Wert
- Ho suggested trimming rhododendrons to create a tunnel effect. This will result in less future trimming as light will be kept out and reduce growth over trail

RAFFLE:

- Licence application will be submitted (tomorrow)
- Proof of ticket design reviewed and approved
- Tickets in about a week
- Mail out 10 per member - expectation they sell them

TRAIL UPDATES:

- Croyle - no new news

- Greenlee - no new news
- Musser
 - Some rocks have been laid down
 - Noticed some flagging/marking near shingletown (not sure what for-marking boundary?)
- Tuxedo - waiting for DCNR approval for rerouting

T-SHIRTS:

- All costs have been covered by sponsors
- Sponsors are \$300 each and they've been asked to donate during Centre Gives campaign because donations are matched
- Club's previous orange shirts are still available at bike shops
- Club still has some black shirts left

EVENTS:

- Trailmix - June 11th
- Raven Enduro
 - October 30th
 - Will be last race in MASS
- Trans Epic
 - Still need volunteers
 - Only 5 days this year
 - 30-40 per stage this year

RIDE CALENDAR:

- Weekly Wed Rides
 - Begin April 6th
 - Scott & Aaron leading
 - Start time was discussed. Believe earliest could be 6pm to accommodate a variety of schedules
 - All welcome. Will be a no drop ride but groups may break off

- Regular club ride
 - Will have a club ride every month on the weekend instead of just spring/fall as in the past
 - First is May 15th
 - No location yet but Howie thinking Cooper's Gap
 - Checking on camp site on Flat Road
 - Considering equestrian campground (just outside state park boundary) for the Black Mo ride

- Aaron P. provided a summary of LHORBA ride events starting June 11 (see <http://www.lhorba.org/calendar>)

OTHER:

- There was a discussion of a proposed development at Raystown by developer Rob Roberts
 - A luxury resort hotel with Marina on Terrace Mountain side of the lake
 - Will clearly be visible from views on Allegrippis trails
 - See RMBA Facebook page for more info
 - Aaron read a letter written by Stan Katala (sp?) to Corps of Engineer's Colonel Edward Chamberlain opposing the development. Members encouraged to write similar letter
 - Will be a public meeting Thursday at Casseville Fire Hall

