

## WNYMBA MEETING MINUTES 11/10/19 – 42North, East Aurora

Meeting Called to order by President, Jacob Bodway. Previous minutes accepted.

### 1. Old/Outgoing Business:

- A. Sprague Brook Trail Day – Fixes to Accidental and boardwalk near Stone Bridge. Greg assisted in moving gravel.
- B. Trail Maintenance (Fall/Eville), Trail Stewards and Regional Coordinators – Rain Trail & Mesa Trail will be the focus of a big trail day in early Spring. Tom and Dennis will lead Eville, with Jim Allen taking on Golden Hill. Presentation on the new trail stewards' program was done by Tom Rohring: List of trails with trail rats – signup for a trail or two to volunteer to help maintain in the Eville trail system. Communication for this group via text. Looking for a location to have a Amish shed to hold maintenance tools (Dennis? Or Holimont?). Would have a combo lock and a tool sign-in/out sheet.
- C. ASP Phase I & Phase II – Phase I is complete and Phase II primary focus 2020 with target completion early July. Special thanks to Jason Brown who built 4 bike repair stands!! ASP will maintain these trails. Once finished, efforts move to Harris Hill Ext. HHE logging to continue thru winter. Fat Biking will mostly be at Long Point.
- D. Membership Drive – 50 new members in Oct/Nov, total of 238 members for 2019 (up from 178 in 2018). Discussion on retention – email blasts, social media, show members where their \$\$ is at work.
- E. Current Budget – Joe C. reports on how income is leveling out through the year. Rise in cooperate sponsorship and \$9000 earmarked for ASP. Closeout pricing on jerseys and hoodies \$50!

### 2. New Business

- A. Meeting w/Erie County Parks Commissioner – Mater Plan has not been approved yet. MOU per project basis my help with purchasing materials (on-going unless a party cancels it). Our action – we owe Erie County comments on protecting trails with regard to permitted events. County seems on-board w/Skunk Connector. Bring a plan for creek crossing. We need to audit Hunter's Creek signage. Night ride is possible if set up as a permitted event. Semi-annual meetings in April/October.
- B. Houghton Park – Corey Reichle was not able to speak at the meeting but would love to see trails here.
- C. Outer Harbor – Next portion approved with Loop 3 (more single-track).
- D. Ellicottville Coffee - Motion carries for Black Trail Coffee investment and partnership.
- E. Growler Fat Bike Raffle - bike will travel to locations with ticket sales (5 tickets for \$20). Drawing in Dec 2020.
- F. Chautauqua County Overland Trails – Jake to write grant for \$4000+ match. Question on who will maintain this? WNYMBA would be on the hook for the single track. Tabled until next meeting.
- G. Global Fat Bike Day at LOUD 12/7/19– Growler demos, rentals, chili cookoff, 12 miles of single-track will mostly be groomed.
- H. ASP Fat Bike Events – beginning early January.
- I. Other Fat Bike Events/Races – Opt-out fat bike ride at Long Point. Peanut Trail ride 12/1/19, Tapped out in March.
- J. Webpage Committee – Looking for volunteers? Members are Greg Snow, Sean Lewis, Mark Gruber, Jon S, & Dunkin. The site will need to be kept updated and this will help with grants.
- K. Nominations for WNYMBA Board and Committee 2020 – President (Jacob), VP (Jerry), Sec (Missy), Treasurer (Joe C), Board (Mike M, Thom W, Dee D, Greg S, Tom R, Sean L, Mark G, Dunkin, Jim A, Kristian R).
- L. 2020 Planning – Feb fundraiser, SWAP, March Kickoff at Tom's Pro Bike, Rip the Rocks
- M. Next meeting to be held at 42North in late Jan 2020.
- N. Meeting adjourned.