

WNYMBA MEETING MINUTES 6/2/2020 – Zoom

Meeting Called to order by President, Jacob Bodway.

1. Trail Work During Covid:
 - Prior notice must be provided with detailed scope of work.
 - Erie County hasn't provided an official work on covid as related to trail work.
 - State Trails has a 10 person max for trail work volunteers.
 - New certificate of insurance.
 - DEC is a little bit less restrictive.
 - WNYMBA recommends social distancing and use of own tools.

2. Trail Updates:
 - Sprague Brook – Newly flagged Skunk Connector was approved by the county. Skunk Ridge and Westside have wet spots.
 - Lakeside Bike Park – Tuesday night trail work limited to 10, signup on facebook to reserve a spot. Efforts include building a log over feature, removing illegal jump, and regrading approaches to features and Loop 1.
 - Allegany - 6/6/20 trail day to clear the corridor. Limit 10.
 - Long Point – State should have map complete within 1 month, then club can start on new trail.
 - Ellicottville - ! Logging ! near Porcupine & Big Merlin. Issue with incorrectly tagged trees, need to be re-marked. Harvest on both sides of McCarty Hill Rd. Dead Dog & Sidewinder impacted. The contractor has to make sure trail exists once logging is complete.

3. Growler Fat Bike Raffle:
 - Missing out on needed revenue due to events being canceled.
 - Need a mechanism to sell tickets; looking for volunteers to take a handful of tickets to sell, put up posters, move the bike around, give out free entry with new membership. Facebook advertisement including locations to buy them.
 - Bike will travel to different locations (southern tier this summer and 42N for fall).

4. Trail Signs:
 - Educational – Printed lawn signs, “Don't Leave a Trace”.
 - Outreach – signs posted near trail work sites stating work done by WNYMBA, join, support!
 - Hunters Creek – sign initiative for trail system. Volunteers have mapped intersections. \$500 expense limit for new signs.
 - Suggestion to add QR codes.

5. Addressing the Letter & Facebook Etiquette:
 - WNYMBA would like to be recognized as friendly inclusive club and appreciates all member input.
 - WNYMBA will not tolerate controversial/negative posts. They will be deleted.
 - Facebook Trail Condition pages are not run by WNYMBA. Quarterly reminders on this should be posted.
 - Events and gatherings were minimal/non-existent due to covid, we look forward to reconnecting with our members as the state reopens.

6. Upcoming Events:
 - WNYMBA Rips the Rocks, PA 6/19/20 – 6/21/20. Jakes Rocks Dew Drop Campground. Common site (#41) for campfire and group ride meeting place. Open invite to all, book your own site, BYOB, BYO everything.
 - Big Bear, WV 7/16/20 – 7/19/20. Bathrooms, showers, shuttles, low key (no vendors or bands).
 - WNYMBA Weekend Campout at Holimont 8/14/20 – 8/16/20. Lift service and port-a-johns.
7. Webpage Committee – Mark Gruber gave presentation. Trail Pages (what riders can expect, maps, pictures, features, trail address). Suggestion to add trail conditions.
8. Trail Maps – WNYMBA will be designing maps by County. There will be 3 maps (CHAT, CATT, ERIE).
9. Other new Business:
 - WNYMBA jerseys available at Loud.
 - Thom's working on a trucker hat.
 - Thom requests gas weedwhacker for the EVL Trail Rats, motion approved.
10. Next meeting to be held??
11. Meeting adjourned.