

## WNYMBA MEETING MINUTES 10/5/2020 – Zoom

Meeting Called to order by President, Jacob Bodway.

### 1. Old/Outgoing Business:

- A. Re-opening of Harris Hill Extension – Everything is open. New map in the works with new trails and a compass rose.
- B. WNYMBA Camping Weekend –Held at Loud Performance 8/13-15. Great time, nice location near restaurants and central to many trail systems. Possible location for future events, Shout out to Dee for his hospitality!
- C. WNYMBA Youth Series – Positive response, great attendance between 15-40 kids per event. Thanks Kristian and Joe!
- D. Ellicottville Coffee Company - \$500 donation from proceeds (\$2.00/bag) Great partnership, promoted and thanked on social media.
- E. 12 Gates - \$750 donation! Brewers unavailable for promotional photo. **AR** – Paul to update social media with one of his photos.
- F. Jakes Rocks Trail Fest – Another grand time! The black bear never had such a fine cheese... **AR** – Joe to send a donation (\$125) to NAMBA thanking them for the wood and trails!

### 2. New Business

- G. Phase II as ASP – Almost to the halfway point, completed 19 workdays and 343 volunteer hours! Top volunteers are Kristian and Luke. Greg Snow has full stats for those interested. The last trail work weekend will be Oct 10-11 for the season. Plan to finish the project in 2021. **AR** – Greg to send WNYMBA trail work invoice for TCA.
- A. Rolling Fatties Hoodies and Winter Hats – Sweatshirt upgrade for this round of ordering, people really like the quarter zips, would like a hat to fit under helmet. **AR** – Joe has a proposal in the works and will be voted on by the board.
- B. West Seneca Trails – WNYMBA member Chris has taken the lead on this project with second in command – VP Jerry. The trails have the support and backing of town and environmental officials. Kudos to Chris! Once finalized and approved trails to include a pump track (Harlem Rd) single and double track connecting 3 West Seneca parks (Sunshine, Fireman’s, and Mill St). The trails are beginner/intermediate and are just what the area needs! A goal is to have these snow-dog groomed for fat biking. The hope is to also help discourage atvs. West Seneca XC team uses the double track as their course – which is awesome! Trails will be multi-use trails. Ann Wilcox-Swanson will be the environmental contact here on out. **AR** – Chris/Jerry to come up with a plan to push this forward. **AR** – suggested Paul Marko to contact Rusty Nickel Brewery.
- C. Growler Raffle – Will be at the Ellicottville Coffee Shop with Loud Performance (10-9-10/11) then the plan is to move it to 42 North and 12 Gates for November and then back to Chautauqua County for the December raffle to take place on Global Fat Biking day. **AR** – ?? transport Growler
- D. Ralph Wilson Jr Foundation Grant – Jake writing \$50K grant for Overland Trails. TCA will be used for construction. Receiving support from Chautauqua County on grant submittal.
- E. Tree Harvest:
  - Whalen State Forest – Currently harvesting, expect some trail closures, hope is to be finished this winter. Good opportunity to build DH trails (2-3 year project).
  - McCarty Hill State Forest – Jon S updates, more harvests to come: Big Merlin, Rain, Porcupine (2 skid trails will be put in), top of Eagle. Generally, trails are being protected but trouble trees (Ash, Beech) will be cut/herbicides applied. 2 contracts will be awarded. **AR** – Jon to provide a map with shaded areas indicative of timber harvest.

- F. Paul Brown Motors – Very kindly donated \$1000! So, if anyone needs a Jeep... Two of the owners are mountain bikers. Posted thanks to social media. **AR** – Jake to contact Mark for website sponsor page update.
- G. Winter Agenda, Grooming, Fat Bike Etiquette – Grooming plans in place with volunteers. Inform trail users on how footprints damage trails for XC Skiers and fat bike riders. Can't blow up social media with post-holer commentary. Negative posts will be removed. **AR** -Joe/Jerry/Thom to come up with signage to promote awareness.
- H. Global Fat Bike Day at Loud Performance (12/12/2020) w/42 North beer release – Imperial Stout Rolling Fatties (ready on 12/7). **AR** – Joe to Coordinate with 42 N.
- I. Growler Trail – Revisit for DH? This was discussed and decided that the trail would not be a prime candidate (no easy way back up, too short). Holimont trails are not dead and seem to be promising.
- J. Trail Stewards Report:
  - Ellicottville (Tom R) – great shape, leaf blowing on the horizon
  - Sprague Brook (Jerry)– nice conditions, fall trail day to replace pallet bridge, fix skunk ridge. New trail in planning stage for Skunk Connector (approved by Erie County). Kiosk to be installed in the spring. Lumber to be purchased/cut in 2020 - Jerry's **AR**
  - Harris Hill (Thom)– Fully open, no restrictions, may look a bit different.
  - Long Point – Trails are good, need map (dire for emergency personnel)
  - Hunters Creek – Maps updated, ready to print. Need signs.
  - ASP – Trail work almost complete for the season. Need map (emergency/rescue)
  - Lakeside Bike Park – need to complete log over features, looking for state assistance.
- K. 4-Wheeler Storage – Looking at spending \$800-1000 for a winter home. Better to take the cash and apply to an enclosed trailer (8'x16') - **AR** – Joe to investigate. Possible winter home locations with Tom R., Dee, or Jake.
- L. Next meeting to be held via zoom on Tues Dec 1st. To include 2021 nominations.
- M. Meeting adjourned.