

WNYMBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/16/2023 – Zoom

Attendance: Nik Barnum (web portion), Joe, Heather, Kristian, Julie, Jake, Missy, Christie, Dee

1. New website functionality - Nik shared new functionality, API grabs FB postings and shares them to our webpage. Also cleaned up our facebook events page. We would like to clean up our events page, look into a calendar style display of events. Update our donate page with our Venmo info. Trails page, * GCP as we don't maintain. Nik will link out trail systems to Trailforks map. Someone can update trail names on Trailforks to show proper name. Our hosting service has a consulting service if we find ourself in a situation that we need help, Nik is a pro though.

2. Trail Updates:

A. CHQ:

- Eastside Overland Upgrades/HHE Upgrades
- New Trail Signs at Whalen and HHE
- Mapping Project - Entire county will be mapped
- Winter Grooming - Might need help at LongPoint.
- Winter Grant Requests - Jake may be applying for new grant under wnymba and may reach out to Christie for financials after getting boards approval to move ahead

B. CAT:

- Ellicottville Shed - Tom R pricing. Amish Shed to be located at Holimont, **AR Joe to move this along**. Logistics for getting snowdog to GH. May be best to keep the trailer there too.
- Get snowdogs to CATT County earlier if possible
- Holimont Campout Feedback - Will remove wnymba from the name to welcome other bike clubs. Move XC race to next day. Food trucks will stay beyond lift closing. We would like to see better facilities, better planning and event promotion. What would DH riders like to see at this event?

C. ERIE:

- Hunters Creek – mapping and trail marker are up. More markers on order as they come in they will be installed. We have the go-ahead to install these thru Nov. Always good to keep a copy of the permit unhand while doing trail work in EC Parks. Red trail bridge: meeting scheduled for 10/17 at 1 pm to review PE stamped plan set.
- Chainsaw Certifications - Game of logging is preferred certification. Here is the contact for the CHQ certification, reach out to that instructor: Bill Lindloff's ProCuts of Endicott, NY, email blprocuts@aol.com , phone (607) 786-5462.
- Sprague Brook Park - Dog Park project - trail reroute would be good to be flagged fall/spring.
- For Nov Membership Meeting from Chris Holmes:
 - West Seneca Trails - CH still has the snowdog and plans to groom. The trail damage from last winter's snow storms have been all repaired.
 - Darien Lake - Chris Holmes' personal equipment(leave blower, weed whacker) are getting worn out and would like to request the club purchase a leaf blower and weed whacker with a brush/blade attachment for the thicker stuff.
 - Darien Lake - The wooden features are in need of repair/replacement. Is there a set amount of funds set aside for Darien Lake for materials and improvements? If materials were available it would make it easier to make these repairs. Also having a budget would help with planning.
 - Darien Lake - CH proposes a set a specific trail day once a month for the whole year to help attract more volunteers. For the most part regular unplanned maintenance is only being performed by Chris Holmes, Scott Bixby, Jerry B. and a few others. Hopefully this will attract more people.

3. General meetings:

- Nov 4th at the new LOUD Underground location. Nominations. BYOB and a chair, pizza will be ordered. **AR Joe to have TJ add BYOChair to FB post.**

4. Snowdog Updates - Update from Dee: All snowdogs at LOUD except the following: Chris H (**AR for Joe to reach out to CH**) and Thom's. Maintenance will be done to get the dogs ready for winter.

5. Expenditures - No update from Christie. Backpack for trail work purposes approved for Kristian. Motion made by Joe and seconded by Jake. Rooted donated an additional \$750 to WNYMBA, First \$750 was for breakfast expenses.

6. Bylaws- **AR Dee will send email update within a week.**

7. Events:

- Newts Enduro 10/28 - 3-5 stage enduro, no lift.
- Bark at the Moon 10/28 - Northtowns at Aaron Norwich's (invite only) and Southern tier at LOUD (onsite camping)
- Womens Ride idea - Julie proposes a ride Dec 2nd or Dec 9th Fatbike ride at Bemus Christmas Parade. Donation suggested to Anew Center domestic violence shelter. Maybe at Greg's or LOUD or EVL? This is in the planning stage.
- July 19-21 2024 Rooted.
- Aug 9-11 2024 Holimont Campout.

8. Ski Club - Price increase on Nov 1st.

9. Apparel: New volunteer shirts? Hoodies? **AR: Heather will send link to store front to Joe. AR: Missy to look into flannel shirts** (club ride, or cognitive see if a designer would apply our patch).

10. New Items: N/A

Meeting adjourned.