

Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association Board Meeting

Tuesday December 16, 2025

In attendance: TJ Zydell, Mike Moscato, Melissa Melnik, Sara Jank, Greg Snow, Thom Wright, Sue Watkins, Jake Bodway, Kristian Reiber, Nik Barnum, Paul Marko, Jerry Barbour

TJ called the meeting to order at 7:19

Action Items

What	Who	When
Share a report of giving Tuesday results from avenues other than Facebook	TJ	12/22/25
Trail Stewards for DEC properties need to submit the initiator form to the DEC, share the VSA form to any volunteers who have not signed	Trail Stewards	12/23/25
Ask Pat for a list of every initiator and every individual who has signed a VSA	TJ	12/31/25
Coordinate with TJ to set up a spring Trail Stewards meeting	Jake	3/30/26
Follow up with Andy regarding the swap	TJ and Paul	12/31/25
Provide drafts of the maps for the Board to review	Paul and Jon	1/15/26

Discussion

1. Thank you, all current board members, welcome, new!
 - a. TJ thanked everyone who served over the past year
 - b. We are all volunteers and it's hard work
 - c. Welcome to everyone who was recently elected
2. Treasury
 - a. Our balance as of today is \$13,391.49
 - b. Changes since last month
 - i. Paid for Zoom
 - ii. Paid for trail maintenance item repairs for about \$300
 - iii. We received approximately \$300 through Facebook for giving Tuesday
3. Legal
 - a. No significant changes from the November WNYMBA general membership meeting

- b. Expect to receive an affidavit that we were not involved in building or maintaining the trails; TJ will present to the Board when rec'd. Could be up to 6 months until we receive the documents
4. Maps
- a. Paul has the Ellicottville side laid out, but there are some changes to Holimont. Jon is leaning towards providing a new file which would require Paul to re-do the layout. They are also exploring if Jon could provide just the updates.
 - b. There was discussion about having a separate CHQ map now that Long Point will be included.
 - c. AGREED: Paul and Jon will work towards adding Long Point onto the back side of the Eville map with the other CHQ trail systems.
 - d. Another option to explore: what if we put Sprague Brook and Hunter's Creek on the back of the Ellicottville map?
5. Winter Grooming
- a. Harris Hill will hopefully come online this weekend if conditions allow
 - b. Loud is running great
 - c. Long Point: Jake hopes to get out to groom Saturday or Monday
 - i. Will store a snowdog in his shed to help facilitate grooming
 - d. Fran repaired another showdog. Anticipates grooming Wahlen later this week
 - e. As part of the conversations this year, our insurance agent stressed that anyone using WNYMBA equipment, especially gas-powered equipment, needs to be a WNYMBA member
 - f. Jake noted that he shared the DEC volunteer paperwork earlier this week. Our Stewardship Agreement # has changed, it is now 25-09-AL-02
 - i. Trail Stewards need to submit an updated initiator form to the DEC
 - ii. Anyone who will do trail work at a DEC property must fill out an individual volunteer application; this is good for 5 years.
 - iii. People who have filled the individual volunteer application within the last 5 years do not need to submit a new one unless Theresa from the DEC has returned the form due to errors.
 - g. Thom requested another set of ATV ramps for \$250; would travel with the snog dogs.
 - i. The ramps could also be used with the motorized wheelbarrow
 - ii. Suggest they be stored in Erie County in the summer.
 - iii. This is under the \$\$ threshold, no Board members objected
6. Swap 2026
- a. Paul and TJ continue to work with Andy on collaboration options for the Buffalo Bike Swap
 - b. Wheels for Workers is accepting of WNYMBA also being a beneficiary of the swap. They are not in agreement with establishing an agreed-upon \$ split for bike sale proceeds. They would prefer having two corrals. This is partially because they have their own bikes that they work to sell. In this model the proceeds from vendors would be split based on a pre-determined basis

- i. TJ asked them if they would be ok with taking the proceeds of the bikes that they supply and then splitting the the remainder; they were not in favor of this approach
 - c. Paul noted that Resurgence reached out to him about hosting the swap again; this is at no cost to the club
 - d. Jake suggested that we leverage Resurgence for the winter social
 - e. Kristian asked: what if we offer to have some of our volunteers in the corral, have a table, have a presence, have a seminar speaker, etc. if it means we can share in the proceeds from the vendors
 - i. We want this to be more about educating the public about what we do
 - f. AGREED: TJ and Paul will follow up with Andy and Wheels for Workers and propose what Kristian suggested
- 7. New Flow Trails
 - a. The DEC has shared that they are not opposed to machine-built trails
 - b. Jon Sundquist, Thom Wright, Greg Snow, and TJ will meet with the Boyer brothers to discuss next steps
 - c. They have indicated that they have 20 volunteers who would be willing to do trail maintenance
- 8. New Business
 - a. Jake suggested that we hold a Trail Steward meeting in the spring. Agenda items would include:
 - i. Tool inventory
 - ii. Reiterate use of Initiator forms, VSAs, WNYMBA membership
 - iii. Discussion of communication with land managers
 - iv. Set trail days
 - b. Jake suggested that we need to identify a Trail Steward for Sprague Brook
- 9. Membership is up to 330

TJ moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44, Jake seconded

Submitted by Sue Watkins, Secretary, WNYMBA