

WNYMBA Board Meeting

Tuesday April 21, 2026

7:30pm, Virtual

In attendance: TJ Zydel, Jon Sundquist, Sara Jank, Thom Wright, Melissa Melnik, Mike Moscato, Greg Snow, Kristian Reiber

1. Treasury

- a. Current bank account balance as of 4/20 - \$20,161
- b. Recent income:
 - i. \$3209 IMBA membership deposit (quarterly)
 - ii. \$1950 profit from WNY Bike Fest Swap
 - iii. \$875 profit from Spring Social
 - iv. Money coming in from jacket sales
- c. Recent expenses:
 - i. \$675 spent on leaf blower for CHQ
 - ii. \$2545 spent on map printing
- d. Financial accounts
 - i. Sara proposes creating new PayPal and Venmo accounts and deleting the old ones. We would create a business PayPal account with multiple board members having access and from there could create a Charity Profile on Venmo.
 - ii. No objections, questions regarding current QR codes
 - iii. QR code on table cloth links to wnymba website, which then has the option to click through to paypal, etc, so not an issue. Unclear what link is used for QR code on maps and kiosks.
- e. Action items:
 - i. **Jon** to check on the QR codes on the maps
 - ii. **Sara and Nik** to work on getting new accounts set up by **June 1**.

2. Tools

- a. TJ requests approval for around \$2000 to purchase new trail tools including mcleods, pulaskis, chain saw backpack, weed trimmer for various trail systems. Approved.
- b. Discussion regarding where tools should be stored
 - i. TJ proposes shed at Darien for convenience for trail volunteers
 - ii. Thom opposes and prefers to have tools stored at a member/trail stewards house for security reasons.
 - iii. Discussed regularly changing the combinations on locks on current tool sheds, potentially annually.
 1. Action Item: **Jon** to follow up with Travis about changing the combo for the tool shed at Holimont.

3. Membership

- a. 347 current members, 3 new, 16 lapsed

b. **Action Item: Nik and Jerry** to send follow up emails to those with lapsed memberships

4. Group Rides

- a. Per our insurance policy, group rides must be 18+. Any minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- b. Tj working with ski patrol on potential to have wnymba ride leaders certified in first aid and cpr.
- c. Kristian recommends ride leadership certification as well, an online cert through BICP
- d. These would be paid for by wnymba
- e. Erie County Wednesday Night No-Drop Group Rides - opportunity to improve communication regarding splitting into groups, ride leaders.

f. **Action Items: TJ** to facilitate opportunities to have ride leaders certified in first aid, cpr, and BICP ride leadership certification.

5. Spring trail work

- a. State forests - forms need to be signed once per year
- b. State parks - forms need to be signed every time
- c. HHE Trail Day - Sat 5/23
- d. Whelan Trail Day - Sat 5/30
- e. Discussion on reimbursement for tools and consumables like gas for snow dogs, leaf blowers, etc.
 - i. Thom proposes a set amount each year to be given to trail stewards. Trail stewards would then distribute to individual volunteers as needed.
 - ii. TJ would prefer to reimburse based on submitted receipts.
 - iii. If trail volunteers are using their own equipment for WNYMBA work, please work with WNYMBA on repairs and replacements.
 - iv. Prefer to have WNYMBA purchase these through partner vendors using tax exempt status rather than reimburse members and ultimately pay taxes on these items.
 - v. Jon proposes motion for anyone purchasing gas for trail work to email TJ requesting reimbursement for gas purchases, Kristian seconds.

f. **Action Item - TJ** to email trail volunteer agreement forms to the Board

6. National Trail Day Saturday June 6th

- a. Will be at Sprague Brook Park in partnership with Erie County and 42N NTD celebration
- b. Greg Culver memorial ceremony and dedication of the Culver Connector trail
- c. EVL trail day the following day Sun 6/7

7. DEC updates

- a. Jon working with the Boyer Brothers on new trail approval in EVL
- b. No new trails planned at this time in HHE

8. State park updates

- a. No longer accepts game of logging certifications for chain saw use
- b. New standard is national forestry service, a 4 day course

- c. No volunteers can currently chain saw in state parks, will need to wait for further direction from state on how to proceed
 - d. Long Point State Park - having success with documenting blowdowns with Avenza app, reporting to park manager, trees are cleared by state employees.
 - e. Darien Lakes State Park - opportunity to use Avenza app here as well. Trail stewards should reach out to park manager (Hank) when made aware of the location of blow downs.
 - f. Allegany State Park - no real need to use Avenza App, employees clear the whole loop at once when there are blow downs.
- 9. Summer Event Planning
 - a. Chautauqua Adventure Weekend - Fri 8/14 to Sun 8/16 with rides at Loud, HHE, and Whelan and camping at Loud
 - b. WNYMBA Rips the Rocks - Thurs 6/18- Sun 6/21
 - c. Holimont MTB Fest - likely early August, date TBD
 - d. Potential to do another weekend campout at KB and Sprague
 - e. Rooted 7/9-7/12 - WNYMBA will serve dinner Thurs night and breakfast Sat & Sun mornings. TJ has confirmed volunteers for this. Rooted thanks WNYMBA for continued support.
- 10. Fall Event Planning
 - a. Jake's Rocks Trail Fest Sept 18th-20th
- 11. Legal - no new updates
- 12. New Business
 - a. Currently members are paying an entrance fee at ASP in order to get in to do trail work. Should be able to let the park manager know when you are planning to go and they will let the gate attendant know so that volunteers do not have to pay the entrance fee when completing trail work.
 - b. Merch - there is a desire for new WNYMBA jerseys, button ups, and orange trail shirts. **Action Item: TJ to coordinate new merch.**

Next General Membership Meeting: Sunday May 31st at Holimont, 10am, ride after.

Next Board Meeting: Tues June 16th, 7:30pm via zoom.