WNYMBA Spring General Membership Meeting

Sunday May 31, 2026
Holimont Bike Park

President Zydel TJ called the meeting to order at 10:09

1. Snow dog assets accounting:
   - $1,000 deposit on a new snow dog for HHE; will be combined with $5,000 grant from CCPEG
   - $500 for snow dog repairs for the two in EVL
   - 6 total snow dogs
     - Long Point
     - Harris Hill
     - Whalen
     - 2 at EVL
     - Will be a new one coming for HHE as noted in #1
   - As of now there are no snow dog opportunities in Erie County
     - TJ has reached out to Knox Farm State Park and they are not currently interested in snow dogging
   - Thom suggested reaching out to KB to see if they would be interested in snow dogging
   - The Town of Colden put in x-c ski trails at Kummer Park; Rory suggested that could be another option for winter snow dogging

2. Trailforks affiliates program:
   - The affiliate program allows members to join Trailforks with a $1 donation back to WNYMBA
   - When our 501c3 was through IMBA, this did not work
   - Now that we have our own 501c3 we can take advantage of this
   - **Action Item: TJ will get WNYMBA signed up for the Trailforks Affiliate Program**

3. Treasurer's report:
   - Current balance as of 5/30: $17,765
     - Summary of significant transactions since last general meeting (March) include:
     - April we received our quarterly deposit from IMBA for memberships $3209
     - $950 spent on trail work including chainsaw supplies, new blower for CHQ, gas.
     - $1550 previously approved payment for map printing (expect to recoup with map sales)
     - Net ~$900 from spring social
     - Smaller amounts have gone in and out for things like WNYMBA jackets, merch at events like spring social and IWMTBD, zoom subscription
     - Jake Bodway moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Sean Murray seconded

4. Membership reports
   - 353 active, paid members

5. Trail updates:
   - Note re: trail work on DEC Land: Trail volunteers need to fill out the VSA form once and it will be active for the duration of the club's agreement, which is through 2031
   - Other land managers have different forms
   - **Action Item: TJ and Nik to get all relevant trail work forms onto the WNYMBA website**

1. Cattaraugus Co
   - 6/7 EVL trail day; may do some work on Porcupine, potentially a section of Eagle. Will also do some trimming
   - The Trail Rats have been very active this spring; there has been a ton of work done
   - All trails are leaf-blown
   - Jon, Brad, and Adam have been collaborating on a proposal to the State for new flow type trails
     - Have had conversations with the DEC
     - Feedback from the DEC is that they feel there are enough trails already
     - WNYMBA continues to advocate that there is plenty of land, and these will be new types of trails that appeal to different riders
     - Phase 1 would go from Big Merlin to Mutton Hollow Road
   - Golden Hill
     - Report that the group that rides from Olean has done a little work around the top
     - Jack Kramer is going out today to do some work
     - Therese, Jack, and Jim will scope out the trails and determine what needs to be done
   - Allegany: Jon has the Stone Tower trail leaf blown. The Park has taken care of about half the blow down. Jon will start working to cut down nettles soon

2. Chautauqua Co
   - Had a trail day at Whalen yesterday. The trails are riding great!
   - HHE trail day was cancelled due to weather; will hold a make up day next week to focus on trimming, some refining on Funkytown
   - Long Point is in good shape.
   - Jake will do a Give Big CHQ fundraiser for three projects in the county this year. Will have Nik help publicize.

3. Erie & Genesee Co
   - 6/6 Sprague Brook trail day on National Trails Day. Will do some general maintenance, reroute on Tim's Trail, and touch-ups to the Culver Connector
   - Will also have a memorial ceremony for Greg Culver and dedicate the Culver Connector trail. Boston Valley Terracotta has donated trail markers
   - New trail proposal at Sprague: if you go up the Pines, it would cut hard left as you go up the hill to take the trail off of the very rooty part as well as off of the fire road for a bit. Would add a quarter of a mile
   - 6/13 Breaking Ground on the new trail at DLSP. This is the first stage of finishing the loop. We also have approval for a side loop through a spruce plantation. Name of the new trail is Turkey Track. We need as many volunteers as we can get to help on the 13th. Rory suggested organizing a group ride at DLSP to show people the new trail and drum up support for future trail days.
   - Hunter's Creek: Steve and Sean received approval and removed some trees. The park needs a lot of love, but it's been so wet that it's difficult to get in

6. Spring / Summer events:
   - 6/6 National Trails Day at Sprague Brook
   - 6/7 EVL Trail Day
   - 6/13 DLSP Trail Day
   - 6/18 - 21: WNYMBA Rips the Rocks
   - 7/9 - 12: Rooted Mountain Bike Festival
   - End of July TBD Holimont MTB Festival
   - 8/8 - 8/9 Holimont Women's Weekend
   - 8/14 - 16: CHQ Adventure Weekend
   - Nik is working on a KB - WNYMBA Day
   - Looking towards fall, Jake's Rocks Trails Fest is 9/18 - 20

7. New Business
- Moving away from Venmo, have an account with Zeffe which is designed for not-for-profits
- Do not use Venmo

Jake moved to end the meeting at 11:15, seconded by Sean

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Watkins, Secretary