Agenda

TJ called the meeting to order at 10:07

1. Review of May meeting minutes: approved

2. Membership
    a. 354 current members
    b. 1 new member
    c. 18 lapsed members
    d. 880 expired members

3. Treasury:
    a. Bank account balance as of 10/19/26: $21,021.70
    b. Updates since last board meeting (August)
        i. Income:
            1. $210 Zeffy (merch sales at CHQ weekend and EC fall fest)
            2. $759 cash deposits total
        ii. Expenses:
            1. $2145.21 Insurance
            2. $1910 New tools, repairs, and supplies (chain saws, trimmers, weed whackers)
            3. $960 GOL
            4. $887 trail materials (Darien wood and HHE stone)
            5. $750 CHQ HHE video
            6. $195 Zoom, website, checks
            7. $94 food
    c. Expected this quarter: IMBA deposit

4. 2027 winter/spring social fundraiser
    a. Sara and Nik will coordinate this
    b. Will space it out so that it's not as close to the Bike Fest this year

5. WNY Bikefest
    a. April 11th
    b. As we did this year, WNYMBA will partner with Andy Thomas and split the profits with Wheels for Workers
    c. Our profits last year were as much or more than recent history for the WNYMBA-run bike swap
    d. Sue will be WNYMBA's representative on the planning committee

6. Trail structures web app
    a. Jon created a web-based app to inventory structures on our trails and note when they have last been looked at
    b. The app requires someone to have a user name to access and change it; anticipate that the trail stewards or trail crew folks would be leads
    c. We will also note when we have fixed/repaired structures
    d. We have started collecting data from our trail systems

7. Dedicating the Golden Hill Trail Network to Bert Schweigart
    a. Bert was the driving force behind the Golden Hill network
    b. He laid out all the trails
    c. Jon, Jim, and Jack suggested we name the trails in Bert's honor
    d. Jon will talk to the DEC to request to name the trails in Bert's honor.
    e. Will likely have a plaque.
    f. We will not change current maps but if approved would reflect the new name on future maps.

8. New trails at McCarty State Forest
    a. Received approval from the DEC to build the new trails proposed by the Boyer brothers
    b. Many thanks to the Boyer and Jon for their work with the DEC to get this approved
    c. They have flagged the trails, will do work days in the spring
    d. One off Big Merlin, one off Eagle

9. Trail updates
    a. ASP: the park did a good job addressing blowdowns; there was a lot this year. We should have a WNYMBA group ride there. Could consider doing it when the Raccoon Rally used to be
    b. CHQ: hosted game of logging a few weeks ago, multiple WNYMBA members attended. Will groom Long Point this winter. Did a Give Big CHQ and received funding to purchase stone, a weed trimmer, and other items. Jake will talk to the land managers about a new trail to connect Willy Nilly to Funkytown. Also working on funding for R2T, additional trails off the Gorge Trails. CPEG gave us $1000 towards a pull behind mower, will do another give big CHQ next spring to make up the majority of the difference
    c. TJ: there needs to be a bigger emphasis on trail clearing in the spring, need to make sure we have the right people and the right tools for the work that needs to be done

d. Suggest that Thom's old trimmer move to Sprague, Jake will help coordinate with Rory
e. Sara and TJ will coordinate to participate in 716 Gives for 2027 to raise funds for Erie County projects
f. Sprague Brook: one large tree down that we're working to get out. Started the year with National Trails Day, dedicated the Culver Connector. Rory shared his vision to get as close to 20 miles as possible. May be able to extend towards Genesee Rd. at Foote. Also looking at options at the top of Skunk Ridge. Also looking at options in the pines
g. Leaf blowing: there are differing positions about leaf blowing in the fall, but the more recent info leans towards not leaf blowing. It's also dependent upon soil conditions. That being said, if trail stewards/volunteers would like to leaf blow, the club has leaf blowers they can use. It is more important to leaf blow in the spring
h. Important note: any Erie County chainsaw use must be communicated through the president and to the county
i. Hunters Creek: it's in great shape! Sean and others had a 2 day trail work event. No official stewards, but a dedicated group of locals work on the trails
j. Darien Lakes: bridge on Sumner Rd. is out. Have been doing night rides on Wednesdays; thanks to Nik and Sara for getting the permits. We had 25 volunteers in the spring and built 0.1 miles of trail. We need help from experienced trail builders to complete the rest of what we've flagged. WNYMBA will target doing 2027 National Trails Day at Darien. Suggest having info at the WNY Bike Fest about National Trails Day. Will also work in the offseason to get the wooden features spec'ed ahead of time. TJ is working with the parks on the issues they are having with horses on unapproved trails. Suggest putting up reflective trail markers to support night riding.

10. First aid and CPR
    a. Anyone doing chainsaw work must have first aid and CPR training. The club will reimburse for the training
    b. Anyone chainsawing must carry a first aid kit

11. State Parks logging:
    a. Missy shared that the State has decided that volunteers with active certifications, including Game of Logging, can chainsaw in state parks if their certificate is on file and they notify the Park ahead of time. Volunteers are not allowed to tell trees.

12. Lakeside Bike Park lawsuit is ongoing

13. Nominations:
    a. President: TJ
    b. Secretary: Sue
    c. Three (3) Advisory Board positions to replace Mike, Travis, and Missy's expiring terms: Rory, Mike, Missy, Sean, Erik

14. New business
    a. Sean has posted the info for the Holiday Valley discount program
    b. Sean did not coordinate the WNYMBA ski event at Holiday Valley last year based on historical weather and turnout. May consider revisiting this event in 2027
    c. Nik will send an email with info on the WNYMBA discount for Trailforks
    d. Rooted 2027 is July 22-25
    e. Joe noted that there are no rules in the bylaws regarding the number of members required for a vote. At the last elections there were approximately 15 members present. Suggest that the board address and allow online voting.
    f. Joe shared that he and another person are setting up a non profit to support youth cycling and soliciting large capital funding for projects to support youth cycling. This is partly inspired by the success of the Peanut Line. He indicated that they are looking forward to working with WNYMBA.
    g. Paul will get pricing for WNYMBA-branded flannels

15. Upcoming meeting date and location:
    a. Next general membership meeting: Saturday 11/21 CHQ location TBD

Motion to adjourn by TJ, seconded by Lauren at 11:31

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Watkins, Secretary