

WMNEMBA Meeting May 2, 2012

Meeting called to order by Rob Adair

Attendance sheet was circulated to collect names and email addresses (45 names collected)

Opening remarks regarding bootleg trails in the WMNF, Nature Conservancy and Conway conservation lands and the risk of losing all the good will and hard work when outlaw trails are built. Please let others know we must respect public lands, otherwise we move backward instead of forward

Agenda- elections

Discussion about structure, number of Vice Presidents, etc. by the membership. Rules and responsibilities for those roles is unclear and an effort to clarify the duties and responsibilities in the coming year will make transition to a new president in the future easier.

MOTION: To elect Rob Adair President, Chris Joosen, Vice President –made by P.Churchill, seconded by M. Jenks. Passed Unanimously

Secretary- Jean Lee and Paula Churchill nominated. Jean is away, but Rob talked to her and she expressed interest on being on the Outreach committee.

MOTION: to elect Paula Churchill as Secretary-made by M^r. Mitchell and seconded by N. Cavalieri. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer- currently Phil Ostroski- no others nominated, Phil is willing to continue

MOTION: to elect Phil Ostroski as treasurer-made by ?, seconded by ? Passed unanimously.

Committees- Trails, Outreach and Communications- Rob is looking for volunteers to form and organize these committees. Member discussion of responsibilities of trails, bootleg trails, reviving old trails, how to notify members of work needed to be done, etc. Volunteers for Trail Committee are: Jana Johnson, Nancy Cavalieri, Chris Krug, Daren Morneau, Paula Churchill, Jeff Allen, Peter Minnich, Rob Adair, John Barley and Jason [Hotchkiss](#).

Outreach- the club needs PR, local promotion, events panning and membership. Jean Lee, Muriel Mitchell and Tony Tulip volunteered. Poster and business cards were discussed; Tony to get more cards made. A fundraiser at Flatbread was mentioned.

Communications- Mike Daubenspeck would like to revamp the website to make it more organized. Google calendar, removing the ability of everyone to post on every page, etc. Monday, Weds and Fri rides and TNT are now automatically linked to Facebook group page, so a single posting by a ride leader will also go to Facebook. Mike and Paula volunteered to look at designs that will make the site work better.

Trail Dates:

May 20th—possibility working on the Red Tail, but it is a big job to grub out all the birches and we need a large crew to get the job done. Rob is looking for a few people to help him preview the site. Contact him for more info,

June 17th—looking for suggestions on trail work that needs to be done

July 28, 29th—our trail building weekend but Highland also has a weekend trailbuilding and some members may be interested in going down there. Some discussion about helping other chapters. Let Rob know if you are interested in going.

July 4th parade—if we are going to ~~de~~-join it, we have to fill out an application. Need a volunteer to do so. Let Rob know if you will be around and want to be in the parade.

Highland Park trail building school—weekend ~~in~~ of May 19 & 20 and very good opportunity to learn about building trails from experts. Check www.NEMBA.org -site for more info.

Open discussion

Skills Clinic- tried to get it going last year. Can we try again this year?

Where to concentrate our trail efforts:

Davis Hill- lost cause due to continued logging. Is it worth trail building when we don't have permission and there is ongoing logging. Porter Road-ditto Davis Hill

East Side- the trails that exist there should not be expanded, only maintained

Outer Limits- John Barley noted that there is verbal permission. Slim Bryant was willing to approach landowners and report to trails committee

Cranmore- can we resurrect some existing older trails- get permission, asses what's needed, etc.

Treasurer's Report- we have \$1600 (\$500 of which is for Rec Trail bridge deck).

16 hours of documented work in WMNF gets you a parking pass

Lower Nan-Leo Rossignol wanted to make sure mtn biking was allowed and thought it would be good to try to upgrade . Rob said that all hiking trails in WMNF are allowed for mtn biking except certain trails in designated Wilderness areas and the AT.

A suggestion was made to ask employers, ___ construction companies, etc. to save scrap materials that are useable for bridges and fill. Rob said he has storage space. Trail committee should work on that process.

Chain saw clinic for certification. Forest Service offers it-one is schedule for late May. 3 day, A, B, and C certification, A requires a B to be with you when working in WMNF, B requires only another body. We have 3 chain saw certified members: Jana, Chris and Erik Nelson. New certification coming in late spring that we may be interested in. Contact Chris Joosen if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed unanimously.