

Trail Committee Meeting

August 15, 2012

In attendance:

Jana Johnson, Chris Krug, Nancy Cavalieri, Rob Adair, Chris Joosen, Daren Morneau, Peter Minnich, John Barley, Paula Churchill, Chris Meier

Agenda

1. Review of trails weekend in July. Chris sent out an email to collect thoughts on the weekend. .
 - a. 32 people present (larger than last year). Larger group on Stony Ridge Link (26) and smaller at Echo Lake (6). A pre sign up might be good so that there is more lead time so that there are leaders with plans and enough tools. There was less milling around than usual. In lieu of a pre sign up, maybe we should ask for an RSVP. We can plan extra work if more than anticipated show up or consolidate if fewer come. Jana has volunteer tools available from FS or do we want to buy more tools. People couldn't bring their own because they biked in.
 - b. The rush of last minute emails. We should schedule a trails meeting close (about a week) before the trails day. That would eliminate all the communication and overlap.
 - c. Tools mentioned that were needed: New wheelbarrows. 5 gal buckets. First aid kits, there is one in the trailer and other members were supplied by the club, but the status is a bit unknown.
 - d. If we spend enough time at the beginning and develop a punch list for the trails day, the first aid kit would be on the punch list. There should be extra supplies stashed in the trailer for resupplying. Chris Joosen will oversee first aid.
 - e. Peter Minnich: do we replace personal items that break while being used on a trail? Rob thought that we would.
 - f. The afternoon rides--there was no organization around the levels of the rides. Either a sign up sheet that describes the three rides or the descriptions go out with the media. Then people could think about what they wanted to ride in the afternoon. We need to be better prepared and leave in waves and give clear instructions about riding on private property and how long and rigorous the ride will be.

Tools wish list: Rob Adair will look at inventory and propose a list of tools for the committee to approve.

- g. Discussion of Trail Etiquette: We also need to remind/inform members and groups about the proper etiquette- whether landowners to post. Make a wish list of places to post signs. Wish list and reminder to members about parking and being in the road and riding through Hale's.
- h. Peter Minnich: DISCUSSION about Cedar Creek access. If carrying or walking the bike would be legal. This discussion was off topic. Peter also questioned enlarging parking lot at end of High St. No forward movement on enlarging it although it is approved. WE could promote using the shooting range lot for access to the road that goes down to Electric Loop.
- i. Waivers/Insurance, etc. Riders sign a waiver for trail work and rides, but we are not consistent. Did we forget a sign up for the trail work?? There was one for the rides. We have coverage but we should sign in to make sure we are covered. We have all the forms...we should have them looked over to make sure they are okay. Chris Meier suggested a blurb at top and you can do it once per year. Bring it to the spring meeting??
- j. Barbecue--checklist? It is wise to try to create them now. Paula will draft them and get them shared out to those who were involved (before we forget about everything). A Housing link for hosting visiting bikers was suggested..
- k. Chris Joosen: Get receipts in for trails weekend and flatbread to Phil and you will be reimbursed..
- l. August trail day this Sunday. Super stewards—Chris got no reports from the east side. Rob got reports from his stewards. They get an automated email reminder each month. Peter Minnich: When we do informal work—how is it reported? Jana Johnson: just let steward know. After much discussion, the Red Tail Trail will be the site for the August Trail Day. There is brushing and tread work needed. CJ will go up tomorrow and see what 's up and develop a plan for Sunday. We should prioritize sections so that we don't dilute the work over the entire length of the trail. It may be the middle mile that needs the work. Chris Krug will try to meet Chris Joosen tomorrow to ride and look over the trail. Work on the too steep sections? Fallen tree on top of red tail.

Send email to members about 8:30 AM at the water tank no bikes, bring hand pruners. Do we do a demo and get out info for proper pruning? **AMC trail building guide on wish list.** Invite Mountain Bike team from Kennett? Paula will email him about coming and RSVP. Some were dubious about its success. We will try to really sell it to them. Try to appeal to kids on periphery; maybe they can adopt a section of trails. Maybe try to ride with

them. It was mentioned that the Kennett team is riding on outlaw trails and Chris Darling may be unaware.

JB will check on the clubs brush cutter to make sure it will work. Fuel etc. grubbers.

Cranmore construction behind fitness center, There is a brushed out old trail that goes to the access road. Once Chris M gets info from Ben we will update membership via an email. Only important stuff should go out in emails, try to use website and facebook. Home page on website has been changed to reflect the August work day.

DM: Does not like the grainy image used as a banner. It has been changed (as of 10 PM 8/15/2012) to a more generic design.

PM: Rec path question: the sign is gone. This is not Conway Conservation land so we need to talk to school board and try to reestablish the rec path.

PM: notes about the lack of a sign at the bottom of the old Railroad Connector. Jana Johnson did say that a new sign was being ordered.

Date for next meeting. Sept 17 Monday. 7 pm at CCC. It has been put on calendar and an email reminder will be sent out to all.

RA: Regional NEMBA took our trail building weekend idea and Highland is coming up in late September. Put out on facebook page.

CJ: One thing was stated for the fundraiser was to use the proceeds for kids pump track. Is that in the works? CK: Topsoil is gone. They were waiting for the soil to absorb the water. DM will go out tomorrow. No expenditures just handwork. Discussion of building a teeter totter, bridge, small drops etc. RA: It is a question of whether the conservation commission would have to OK. Let's wait to winter to prepare a presentation. They need to be movable since the logging is not complete.

Punch List:

- Inventory of tools and wish list
- Other items wish list: AMC trailbuilding guide. John Barley looking at pricing for tools
- First aid stuff, waivers, punch lists for Trail weekend and fundraiser