

## NEMBA TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA

July 16, 2012

7 PM Cooper Cargill and Chant Office

Attendance. Chris Joosen, John Barley. Rob Adair Jean Lee, Jana Johnson, Chris Meier, Paula Churchill, Daren Morneau, Chris Krug

Chris Joosen: focus on trails and push other items which may not be the domain of the trails committee to a later date. With the July trail weekend and other trail work to be done, it is important to focus on moving forward with trail planning.

Focus this winter on compiling a complete inventory of our trails - go through the list of trails that have been submitted, identify which ones are "legit", which are not legit and that we would like to make so - contact landowners, etc. , and what is out there that should be abandoned. From this point we can make better decisions about where to focus our current efforts and what the Big Picture might look like in terms of what we ultimately want in a trail system for the long term - a master trail plan.

Rob Adair: First order of business is to discuss the work/ progress of the PR committee Rob feels that there needs to be a clear purpose and agenda for the PR Committee. Topics that should be the responsibility of the PR Committee are event planning, advertisement, fund raising, and outreach (youth and regular). Jean Lee has emailed to all current members a poster for the trail weekend event. They have also been distributed to the bike shops. Paula will print more out and help distribute.

Darren M and others discussed riding with KHS fall sport, starting group rides from a more conspicuous location whenever possible. Hosting rides from a personal residence or obscure location is not as welcoming as a ride that starts from a shop like Red Jersey. Ride leaders will be asked to try to start rides from a more public location. Ask ride leaders to report back.

Tony has business cards (should we call them courtesy or promo cards?). These should be distributed to members to hand out.

Jean Lee will call Marty Basch for a press release.

John Barley: Aug 14th is our fundraiser night at the Flatbread. We need to get the info out to the club members. The fundraiser wants us to display a banner.

Jean Lee: She has also offered to help with Matty B to host a fundraiser for Pete Ostroski. John Barley thought that a fundraiser for Pete O is a worthy cause but it isn't something that we can put efforts into.

Chris, Paula and Rob will help Jean out with PR for the immediate future, with an eye on building the Committee membership. Food for the weekend will be handled by Tony. Jean will check to see if he needs help. They need to determine grills, beverages and corn cooker, etc. Has he asked people for food donations (desserts and salads), corn cooker, grills? Should we create a jar to collect donations for those who did not do trail work? We have about \$600 in the treasury.

Paula Churchill, Chris Joosen and Jean Lee will plan a date to meet to help jump start the PR Committee.

## Trails

Echo Lake State park wants to reestablish the boundary line trail. There are lots of blow downs, potential log rides. Erik will do chainsaw work prior to July 28 and a small crew will clean corridor out on the trails weekend. There are some bootleg trails around the area but they are not very good. Rob: Let the state park regulate those.

Involving the KHS Mtn Bike team was discussed. Someone needs to contact Chris Darling about getting mtn bike club involved in trails weekend. I think Darren M said that he would contact him, but did not hold out hope that kids would come in the summer to do trail work.

PR Note: put up flyers in Restaurants--Frontside Grind, the Met, EMS, bike shops, etc.  
Race series at Great Glen and Red Jersey flyers at the race series

Jana: Status of the last post installation?

Rob Adair: the last post is in for the remaining sign. Rob has the sign and it will go in.

Trail Stewards:

Erik Nelson has agreed to adopt the Red Tail trail.

Tony is the steward for Sticks and Stones

John Barley will take over Side Hill since it is now available due to injury.

Paula: will set up an automated email reminder to the trail stewards regarding reporting (both no problems or problems) to the super stewards. Super Stewards will be cc'd and the wording will be clear that if they cannot fulfill the responsibility, another member will become steward.

It was discussed that the August Trail day be scheduled with work from the steward reports.

Chris K, Chris M, Daren M: Discussion about the damage near Cranmore on bridges. Big bridge has been put back, but it was a lot of vandalism. It is suspected that a house near Mill Bridge apts. that now has a view of the stream may be responsible. We need to approach Cranmore about sanctioning the trail so that there would be some recourse for vandalism. Chris Meier will work with Rob. Chris M. will call Ben Wilcox and set up a meeting.

The Rail Road connector is good to go. The upper trail starts (on top) on private property but the bottom of the hill is Forest Service. The lower trail will become the official RR Connector. There is a small amount of trail work to be done on the top of the official trail.

John Barley: possibly a TNT to do the work.

Jana: Stony Ridge Link initial flagging has been done (changed). When Jana reviewed the flagging the reroute was a lot longer than first thought. The length of the proposed reroute was outside of expectation and goes through a deer yard, so a USFS wildlife biologist reviewed the plan. There is concern about possible winter disturbance in the deer yard, so an alternate route was pinned. Jana will meet with Chris Krug at the site on Weds @ 9:30 to do a final review and pinning.

Paula: Sticks and Stone needs brush cutting for better viewing of some turns?

Rob: Sticks and Stones needs some work. stump and rock moving

Chris K: Asked about clipping and cleaning in the "Abenaki Woods" (aka Naked Lady Trail) that connects Intervale Cross Road with Hurricane Mnt Road. It is Conway Conservation Commission.

Rob: The CCC should be informed before we do any work.

Paula: Can we draft a cover letter to use annually about cleaning and clipping existing trails on CCC land to cover us? Should we get a steward for CCC trails over there and put trails on that list? IT was agreed that they should at least be mapped so we know where they go and over whose land. One of our tasks is to create an inventory of those trails and then map them. This would be useful for all our trails. Steve Burdett landowner? Rob says that he is ok with trails over there. There is the old Red and Blue Mt. Cranmore Cross country trails.

Paula: Can go an gps the trails and send shape files to Jana who has ArcGIS. If we can get the shape file from the town planner we could have maps of all landowners and where our trails go.

(REFOCUS)

Taks list:

change web page for dates of trail weekend to be home page

trailer needed the getting the machine over to the pump track to make the kids track

maybe use funds from Flat Bread for kids track—they like to have a focus for the funds

Alex Couture trail steward for pump track (email address??)

Echo Lake obstacles are rotten, they are to be removed on this Tuesdays TNT. Can we use any of the wood at the pump track?

Rob: had a conversation with Sut about Outer Limits and Twilight Zone. Sut said that he will talk to Glen Saunders and then confer and have a meeting with Rob. Chris M said that he has a meeting with Glen Saunders next Monday and will bring up the topic.

PR: what good does giving out a business card do to help support WMNEMBA? Maybe White Mountain NEMBA stickers to sell where profits go to the club?

Paula: Do you want a link to work form for entire membership? No- most people don't know how to do clipping maintenance.

Jana: should we have a workshop for basic maintenance on August trail day?

Rob: Paul Getchell has been working in Davis Hill and was looking for other members to help. They have resurrected some trails but we are over stretched right now and there is no permission to create trails, so the work could be lost at any time.

Date for next meeting. before Aug. trail date. Aug 15. Weds. 7:00 at Cooper, Cargill and Chant.

Chris K: All our trails are beginner intermediate trails? DO we make trails for beg and int and not improve or do we need challenging trails to "build" better riders??

Banner? One is needed for Flatbread fundraiser. Discussion tabled.

Meeting ended 9 PM