



Metro North Chapter Meeting

January 12, 2009 Minutes



Special Thanks to the Rochester Mills Beer Co. for donating their meeting room for our meeting!

Trail Updates:

- Addison Oaks - Steve Kinley / Chris Werth
 - Not much new to report. Word has it, there are some trees down on the trail which will make for a busy spring. No new trails planned for 2009. Pauly had 539 trail hours this year.
- Bald Mountain - David Moore - No report.
- Bloomer - Derek Wrathrell - No report.
- Orion Oaks - David Moore - No report.
- PLRA - Norman Johnson
 - New coordinator for Pontiac Lake. Norm and his friend will be taking over the TC duties.
- Stony Creek - Mike Moss / Pete Kresmery
 - Mike Moss would like to publicly thank Pete Kresmery for without his help, we wouldn't get nearly as much done out at Stony.
 - 24 hours of trail work at stony will get you a free metro parks pass.
 - Have been scouting new singletrack for possible builds next year
 - Finished a new reroute toward the end of fall in the roller coaster section
- Stony Skills Park - Tim Dunbar / Mike Moss
 - Closed for the winter. Please stay off all of the wooden challenges.
- Clinton River Trail - Jon Rose
 - All of the work that was done in the fall has been approved by the city of Sterling Heights, so we now have permission to build away in the spring.
 - Jon's hoping for ~6 miles and would like some kind of loop, but doesn't know if that's going to be possible.

New Trails:

- Columbus Park - Nick Shue
 - St. Clair county bought some land in the Richmond area and has designated a significant portion to a mountain bike trail.
 - Hope to get out and walk the section when the snow melts, and start building trail sometime this summer.
- Harrison Township - Jon Rose
 - Has been talking with some planners about a park are that they own to see if we can get some kind of mountain bike trail allocation.

Chapter Projects:

- Kiosks - Bloomer
 - Didn't get that installed this year, but will plan for that in the spring.
- Chapter Trail School Trainer/Classes
 - We are working on scheduling a TC 201 class for the spring in conjunction with the Metro South chapter. Mike Flack has agreed to co-teach the class.
- Massive Fallout 2009
 - Thinking about the same weekend as last year - October 10
 - Goal is to get the promotional items out ASAP, get sponsors early, etc..
 - Anyone interested in helping out contact Rob Ritzenheim (mobilechimp)
- Addison Oaks / CPS
 - Scheduled for 9/13 - Anyone interested in helping out contact Marty Shue (inasnit)
- FAFL Hours
 - If you have trail hours that need to be submitted, please send them to mike.moss@mmba.org - this includes personal hours and any TCs that still have hours that need to be submitted.

Business:

- Financial report: Balance: \$9,597.27
- Executive Director Report - Marne Smiley
 - Every hour that the MMBA puts into a trail is roughly equivalent to ~\$18 of DNR maintenance time.
 - Annual Meeting - Lansing Center - February 22. New location, larger venue.
 - Marne is challenging every chapter to bring 2 new vendors to the annual meeting.
 - Land managers are invited and encouraged to attend
 - Check out the MMBA webcasts.
 - MMBA membership fee will be going up by \$5 on February 21.
- Other items / Public Comment
 - LOHS Winter Race February 7
 - If you want to get involved with the Mountain Bike Patrol or want to know more about it, contact Jon Rose.
 - If you can please take a few moments to log into aMember on the mmba website to verify and validate your email address.

News:

- Elections
 - Motion to keep the same board members was passed:
 - Nick Shue - President
 - Mike Moss - Vice President
 - Secretary - Marty Shue
 - Treasurer - Jody DeLavern
- Future Meeting Dates
 - 4/20/2009
 - 7/13/2009
 - 10/12/2009