



Metro North Chapter Meeting April 20, 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
 - We had 9 people show up on April 4th and were able to clear a large part of the trail system. Yesterday, April 19th, Chris and Mark Harding cleared the last of 3 trees that had fallen across the trail, repaired to low spots and put in two small re-routes to get around a fallen tree and a mud hole. The trail is ready to go once we get some dry weather.
 - Steve and Chris are trying to get a re-route done before the May 9th Endurance race. This re-route will be along Drainer road. No word yet on when we are going to walk this with the park staff. I will post on the MMBA board when this happens.
 - Bald Mountain - David Moore
 - One of the loops has a tree down, David is trying to get it cleared. Typical spring mud.
 - Bloomer - Derek Wrathell
 - The trail day on April 4th was a great success as 23 people showed up and worked for a couple of hours cleaning the trail of winter/fall debris along with trash. We even had a few children out to help who all had a great time and will make great volunteers.
 - I am shooting for the the Bloomer Kiosk to be built on May 3rd.... I am waiting for the park to OK this date today. I would like to set the posts SAT the 2nd to allow them to set, and build the kiosk on the 3rd.
 - Another 2 trail days will be scheduled to ensure that the trail is ready for the Tailwinds race in May and will be scheduled soon - focus will be on switchbacks and deep bench cutting. lots of help will be needed.
 - RBS and its race team have adopted Bloomer Park and the mountain bike trails for all trail work. The park is really excited that we are providing them will all the help.
 - Trees are still down and will be removed by the park soon.
 - The big hole that was dug out near a big dirt pile has been addressed (see pictures on MMBA site).
 - Clinton River Park Trail - Jon Rose
 - 40' armoring section completed at recent trail day in addition to a 500 yard reroute.
 - Next big date is May 16 with plans to build 2-2 1/2 miles of new trail.
 - Orion Oaks - David Moore
 - Good, dried and free of debris. Trying to schedule a clean up day through Oakland Co Parks
 - PLRA - Mark Ladwig
 - No report from TC, but rider reports say trail is good to go.
 - Stony Skills Park - Tim Dunbar
 - Structures held up well over the winter.
 - There are 2 broken boards, Tim is going to see if he can get the park to replace them.
 - New double track trail around the wooded perimeter of the skills park. This double track is easily accessible from the park entrance.
 - Proposal is complete for the dual-salom trail and Tim just needs to schedule time with the park to talk about it.
 - Stony Creek - Mike Moss / Pete Kresmery
 - Trailday scheduled May 9: tweak the entrance to the new reroute and do some additional reroutes as well.
 - **New Trail!** Columbus Park - Nick Shue
 - St. Clair co bought a large parcel of land and have dedicated a large chunk for mountain bike trails.
 - The designated area is a clean canvas for whatever we want to do.
 - The park is working from millage money and has plenty of budget to help us build this trail
 - **New Trail!** Harrison Township - Jon Rose
 - 155 acre parcel of wooded property owned by Harrison Twp. Jon has proposed to the parks and rec that we get access for mtb trails.
 - Park wants Jon to walk/create a solid trail map as a final proposal to the twp board.
- Kiosks - Bloomer
 - Derek is looking at May 3 for building the Kiosk
- Chapter Trail School Trainer/Classes
 - Nick would like to try and schedule Friday night 101 classes in the next couple of months
 - Those interested in more trail school opportunities are encouraged to attend the Midwest Mountain Bike Advocacy Summit - May 29-31. Plenty of trail building classes available. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.midwestmtbsummit.com/>
- 2009 Chapter Events
 - Massive Fallout - October 10: look for a planning meeting in the next month or so
 - Addison Oaks Fall XC Race - September 13: look for a planning meeting in the next month or so
- Financial report
 - Balance: \$9847.48
- Other items / Public Comment
 - BOW Clinic: June 13 - Registration available on the DNR website. Contact Tom Lining (tlining@comcast.net) if interested in volunteering.
 - Ed Hug - Friends of PLRA needs some mtb participation: June 27 (saturday) MMBA has a 1/2 hour slot for mtb demo. Contact edhug@umich.edu if interested.
 - Metro North 2008 Volunteer of the Year winner: Pete Kresmery
 - TJ runs a "massive fallout" type ride every Saturday starting from the Stony Creek Trailhead parking lot 9:00am . You have to keep pace with TJ, but lunch in Lake Orion is part of the ride. Total ride is ~55 miles.
 - Dakota Beer "Just Right Club" is hosting a picnic at Stony Creek on August 9 - bike ride will be 9-12, picnic starts at 12. Picnic is \$10 and is all you can drink beer, and hot dogs.
- Future Meeting Dates
 - July 13, October 12