



## MMBA Metro North Chapter Meeting October 12, 2009 6:30 pm Minutes



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

- Approval of Minutes
  - motioned, seconded, approved
- Trail Updates
  - Addison Oaks - <OPEN> / Chris Werth
    - Steve Kinley has stepped down as TC in order to focus on LOHS trails.
    - Some new signage this year
    - Trail was in great shape after the 12 hour race
    - Steve has gotten approval to rebuild/reroute "telemark hill"
  - Bald Mountain - David Moore
    - Steve Kinley reports that the trail is in good shape. However, some trailwork as been done that was not sanctioned and the park is pretty upset about it. It was not MMBA trailwork, and there's nothing we can do about it. Most of the structures that were built will likely to be removed because they were not approved.
  - Bloomer - Derek Wrathell
    - No report
  - Clinton River Park Trail - Jon Rose
    - Lots of problems with flooding this year with all the rain.
    - Managed to build a 1/2 mile of new trail
    - Trailday scheduled for 10/24
  - Orion Oaks - David Moore
    - No report
  - PLRA - Norman Johnson / Derek Hill
    - No report
  - Stony Creek - Mike Moss / Pete Kresmery
    - Haven't had many scheduled trail days thanks to team MARVIN (our out-of-work trailwork gnomes).
  - Stony Skills Park - Tim Dunbar
    - The park hasn't been keeping up very well with fixing the structures when they get broken. They'd agreed to take over maintenance of the area over this past summer.
    - Tim has approval for building a jump line, but continues to wait on dirt delivery from the park.
  - New Trail: Columbus Park - Nick Shue/Pete Kresmery
    - Pete has been working the park to get a trail built, but has been having problems with the resources and not much has been getting done.
    - Hoping in the fall that we can walk and layout the trail and give a gps map to the park for more approval and commitment.
  - New Trail: Harrison Township - Jon Rose
    - No new progress
  - New Trail: LOHS Trail - Steve Kinley
    - Sections of singletrack that run in and out of Bald Mountain.
    - Steve has been given pretty much free reign to build as he likes.
    - Race coming up on October 24
- Kiosks - Bloomer - Derek Wrathell
  - Finished!
- Chapter Trail School Trainer/Classes
  - Still would like to try to resurrect the chapter trail school -- if anyone is interested in becoming a trainer, we are still looking to fill that position.
  - The Midwest Mountain Bike Summit in the spring will be holding trail school classes
- Addison Oaks / Massive Fallout
  - Race: 313 riders
  - Profit is expected to be similar to last year. We are still paying invoices and receiving checks from Bike Reg so do not have final numbers yet.
  - Massive Fallout was a bit small this year due to rainy, cold weather.
  - Food at Addison was a big success.
- Financial report
  - No report from Jody at this time - will update when report is available.
- January Chapter Elections
  - Nominations will be held at the next meeting - and voted on at that meeting as well - January 11.
  - Motion to create a 5th chapter executive board member as an elected position to be the chapter representative to the State Board - seconded, approved.
  - Nick Shue will not be accepting a nomination for chapter president for next year.
- Other items / Public Comment
  - MMBA insurance policy to cover all non-competitive/non-paid events has changed such that it will not cover any trailwork / trail maintenance. IMBA has found a new insurance company and paperwork is in process - but it takes time. They are in place, they are willing to work with us and offer trailwork coverage. As of October 15, our insurance policy expires and on that date, we will not be covered for trailwork. It is likely that on October 15, the MMBA will announce a moratorium on trailwork until we are adequately covered. This is affecting clubs nationwide as McKay insurance is the leading provider to clubs and organizations.
  - Trailer needs basic tools - shovels, rakes (leaf and garden rakes), etc...
  - Mike Moss - plea for membership
  - Marne Smiley - Executive Director:
    - State Board has begun working on a strategic plan
    - January 31 - Annual Meeting and Expo: MSU Pavillion
    - DNR and DEQ (Dept of Env Quality) - has been expanded and combined.
      - IN this process, they're creating a trails advisory committee. We are trying to find a place on this committee which is limited to 7 representatives.
      - Disbanded the Citizens Advisory Committee
      - mmbaed on twitter
- Future Meeting Dates
  - January 11