

MMBA – Potawatomi Chapter Meeting Minutes

Arbor Brewing Company

March 26, 2008

Attendees: Bill Mayer, Jim James, David Welsh, Stani Bohac, Scott Keller, Norm Roller, Mark Fraker, Bill Bullard, Jason Jones, Chris Zias, Ray Fullerton, Chris Hescheles, Sarah moore, Bruce Purdy, Bruce Geffen, Norm Roller, Emil Sims, Killian Williams, Robert Hurley, Bob Wolf, Kao Ramirez

- 1) Officer Elections – Vote to maintain current officers
 - a) President – Bill Mayer
 - b) Vice President – Emil Sims
 - c) Treasury - Stani Bohac
 - d) Secretary – David Welsh
- 2) Trail Coordinator
 - a) SPRING THAW – stay off trails until you see the earth worms – 2-3 more weeks!!!
 - b) Poto (Jim James - new coordinator)
 - i) Yurt reroute
 - (1) Flagged by Norm Roller
 - (2) Expect to cut ~3 weeks
 - ii) Root bridge – requires DNR involvement
 - iii) Crooked Lake Trail – significant planning/Lansing approval required
 - iv) Adopt-A-Trail Program – All 10 sections adopted – season orientation to be scheduled
 - c) Brighton (Chris Hescheles)
 - i) Joe Hall has left his post as DNR manager, replaced by Lead Worker Chris Kargel.
 - ii) Trail Days - 4/27, 5/10 (replacement of 5/3 date on Chapter Schedule) – reroute 2 washed out downhills on Murray Lake
 - iii) Spring Fling – **looking for volunteers to coordinate** MMBA involvement 5/4 12:00-5:00
 - iv) Lost loop bridge – grant application rejected – should MMBA fund? - What is cost?
 - d) Ann Arbor (Norm Roller, Bill Mayer)
 - i) Reroutes needed – wet spots, environmental improvements – plan Monday evening work – check the website trail guide and distribution list for updates
 - (1) RR Tracks reroute between Dhu Varen and Traver
 - (2) Wet corner south of tracks
 - (3) Potential for connector between Olson Trails and RR tracks
 - (4) Mapping – still difficult due to usage issues
 - e) Hewens Creek (8-10 miles of trail) (Norm Roller)
 - i) Trail Day 5/19? – Ypsi pride day
 - ii) Bridge – approval process underway
 - iii) Phase 4 on west side of park – 3-4 additional miles of trails to open mid summer
 - f) Rolling Hills (near Hewens Cr – 15 miles of trail with hills) (Norm Roller)
 - i) Flagging approved
 - ii) About 1/3rd of total trail expected to be completed by end of summer
 - iii) Includes both open field as well as treed and rolling terrain
 - g) Sharon Hollow (South of Chelsea on M42) (Norm Roller)
 - i) Parking lot planned
 - ii) Goal to complete a small loop completed by parking lot completion
 - iii) Engaged local community
 - iv) Trail follows perimeter of park around active farm fields along Raisin River
 - h) Tecumseh (Norm Roller)
 - i) Potential land for trails identified – Norm to pursue
 - i) Waterloo (Jason Jones)
 - i) DNR master plan complete – committed to including additional multi-use trail open to mountain bikes – consultant to be hired to define project.

- 3) Tree Fort Beer – English Golden Ale (B. Mayer)
 - a) Made in cooperation with Corner Brewery and Arbor Brewing
 - b) Beer Release Party – February 21, 7:00 - Showing "24 Solo", silent auction, etc
 - c) \$1800 income for chapter
- 4) Silver Lake 5050 Ultramarathon Support– (Bruce Geffen)
 - a) Inaugural Year – 8/23 – expent ~300 participants
 - b) Event planners request support of 4-6 bikers during 13 hour event 7AM-8PM
 - c) Contact Bruce Geffen, Bruce Purdy or Stefan at Tortoise and Hare (events@tortoiseandhare.com)
- 5) McCloud Tool Purchase Program (Jason Jones)
 - a) Discount for bulk purchase – need ~50 units for discount – Estimate \$50 cost
 - b) Decision to purchase 8 McClouds & 4 Pulaskis @ \$50 per unit
- 6) New Trail Head Kiosk at the Poto (Jim James, Jason Jones)
 - a) Lakeshore park design available
 - b) Trail coordinators to arrange funding and construction
- 7) Thursday Night Ride Leader
 - a) David will continue for now
- 8) No-Drop (No Rider Left Behind) Rides
 - a) 5/17 and 6/19
- 9) NCT Trip Leader – Emil reconsidering leadership for this year
- 10) DNR license fee
 - a) Bill introduced to Michigan congress to add \$9.00 fee to every Michigan state license renewal fees with refund available to those who request a refund and state they do not use the parks – Issue still lacks strong backing and is not clearly moving forward.
- 11) Financial Update (S. Bohac)
 - a) Current Balance =\$5807.21
 - b) Deposit of ~\$1800 from Tree Fort Beer promotions