

MMBA – Poto Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Location: Ann Arbor Brewing Company
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Welsh, Kirstin Jackson, Christa Sinz, Bill Mayer, Stani Bohac, Greg Cook, Norm Roller, Rob Hurley, Marne Smiley, Chris Hescheles, Randy Ramharack, Bob Wolf, Don Whitacre, John Beranek, Karen Park, Richard Keller, Robb Butts, Andy Hromadke, Scott Silvers, Ray Fullerton (and many more, I can't find the sign-in sheet)

1. Trail Coordinators' Reports
 - a. Poto – David Welsh
 - i. See attached map with notations of 25 things that need to be done on the trail and chart itemizing Poto trail work plan
 - ii. Trail marker #5 people ride right past it without seeing it. We need a confidence marker to help bikers know which way to go.
 - iii. Have not yet made request to John or Chuck at the Poto regarding this plan
 - iv. Give any feedback or comments or suggestions to David via e-mail regarding his listed recommendations (davidwelsh3@excite.com)
 - v. Herbicide: last year the application didn't work so David looked into herbicide certification, Cost for herbicide certification: \$50. We would need both the "Core" and "Right-of-Way" pesticide training (DNR considers invasive plants "pests" – herbicide is, therefore referred to generally as pesticide). There was some discussion about if certification was required or if the DNR would just give the wands to anyone (ie DNR Stewardship Day). Maybe only the supervisor needs to be certified. Having 3 certified people is David's goal to have at each trail maintenance day. David would like a total of 5 people trained. He suggested the chapter pay for the class for all 4 people who were interested in taking it (Bill, David, Dick & Greg). There was some question about the risks regarding application of the herbicide to the environment and to the person applying it.
 - vi. Who is taking out the roots on the trail? Self-directed trail work needs some sort of guidelines but we often don't know who is doing some trail work and we no way to coordinate their work.
 - b. Brighton - Chris Hescheles
 - i. Seeking feedback on recent reroutes of both Murray Lake and Torn Short
 - (1) Lots of positive on Murray Lake
 - (2) More mixed on Torn Short
 - ii. Desire to reopen Appleton Lake Loop
 - (1) Trail is a good beginner trail 2 miles in length connecting the two campgrounds
 - (2) Bill takes the task to get MMBA state support to determine appropriate process
 - (3) Bridge construction - Joe at Brighton DNR has made grant applications for funds
 - c. Ann Arbor – Norm Roller
 - i. 3 reroutes approved
 - ii. Approval to flag 2 more sections
 - iii. Workday held a week ago
 - iv. Having weekly maintenance events
 - v. Need support for some bigger projects – Bob Wolf volunteered to help lead up some pre-workday construction
 - d. Hewens Creek- Norm Roller
 - i. ~7 miles of trail
 - ii. New trail in wooded sections – need additional mowing to open
 - iii. Need bridge across Hewens Creek – Like bridge at Olson Park
 - e. Sanford Park (Milan) – James Knight

- i. ~2 miles south of Hewens Creek
 - ii. 3.5 miles cut and ready to ride!
 - f. Sharon Hallow (Manchester) – Norm Roller
 - i. 110 acres owned by Washtenaw Co. fronting Raisin River. Trail to route along river. Property abuts Sharon State came area and nature conservancy land.
 - ii. Proposal for ~5 mile trail. Trail building slated for spring 2007.
 - iii. Date to walk trail with land managers on 6/6
- 2. New Strategies for trail trimming and upkeep
 - a. Suggestion to start adopt-a-trail segment plan to help with trimming and small stuff
 - b. Acknowledge adopters with a note at trailhead and on website
 - c. Motto – "Haven't made it out to a trail day? Try adopting a trail segment!"
 - d. FAFL awards available
 - e. Need to define requirements and expectations – guidelines
 - f. Hand out hand clippers at Thursday night rides
- 3. NCT Trip
 - a. This weekend 6/2 – camp at Sportsman's Port
 - b. Contact jimilama@yahoo.com
- 4. Need Chapter Website
 - a. Greg's son has offered to make a site for us free of charge
 - b. Need to define requirements
- 5. Financial Update - Stani Bohac
 - a. balance in bank ~\$2957
 - b. Expense = \$137.51 for Brighton Bridge Materials
 - c. Revenue = \$87.60 MMBA disbursement
- 6. Walk-ins
 - a. Brighton Torn Short Tri/Du – Elite Endeavors will make a donation to MMBA for all volunteers. 7:00 – 1:00 Lunch included. Contact sbohac@umich.edu to volunteer.
 - b. Bikefest – Friday 6/15 6:00-9:00 PM – MMBA booth. Desire for enlarged demonstration area. Advice needed on possible demonstrations. Need ~5 volunteers and event coordinator.