

MMBA Potawatomi Chapter Meeting

Time: 7:30 PM, Wednesday July 25th, 2007

Location: Arbor Brewing, Ann Arbor, MI

Attendees: Emil Sims, Chris Hescheles, Meghan Hescheles, Greg Cook, Ray Fullerton, Marne Smiley, Scott Mulder, Craig Anteau, Bill Mayer, David Welsh, Bob Wolf, Stani Bohac

1. Trail Coordinators Reports
 - a. Poto (David Welsh)
 - i. Reroutes based on previously distributed work plan to be flagged once the leaves fall
 - (1) Suggestion to prioritized safety issues
 - (2) Reroute first climb
 - (3) 2nd downhill to Doyle Rd.
 - (4) Yurt reroute – just a shortcut past the pump
 - (5) Intersection at Glenbrook – make easier to navigate
 - ii. Herbicide application certification requirements status
 - (1) David to follow-up
 - (2) Need to order books
 - (3) Ask Matt Pruski if he is willing to certify
 - iii. Conflict has occurred between DNR quad use and bike use – concern about trail erosion and bike safety – David to follow-up with DNR
 - iv. DNR's Billy Goat mower available for use. Transportation required – does DNR have a trailer?
 - b. Brighton (Chris Hescheles)
 - i. Murray lake trail is virtually impassable by bike. Torn Shirt has some deadfall, but is rideable.
 - ii. Emergency status and trail day Saturday 7/28
 - iii. Suggest to temporarily close Murray Lake trail until windfall can be removed
 - iv. Large oak windfall are likely beyond the capabilities of volunteers
 - v. Suggest to tape off trail for safety with DNR approval
 - c. Ann Arbor (Bill)
 - i. Civil Engineer needed to approve bridge design for Hewen's Creek
 - ii. Put out the word for a volunteer – website, email distribution
 - iii. Status of boardwalk extension under M-14 in AA
 - (1) Bob Wolf leading effort
 - iv. Monday night workdays – very successful
 - d. Sharon Hollow (Bill)
 - i. 20 car parking lot to be built by the county
 - ii. Cutting planned for Sept/Oct timeframe
 - e. New strategies for trail trimming and upkeep
 - i. We have yet to implement this. Dependant on new Chapter website
2. Triple Trail Challenge – Set Date and key volunteers
 - a. Sponsored By Scott of Tree Fort Bikes – date: Saturday, September 15

- b. Trail day planned for weekend prior – David Welsh
- 3. Waterloo update
 - a. Discussion held Monday to review plan with land managers and other trail user groups
 - b. Public meeting possible in a month or so
 - c. At issue is the classification of "primitive" and "back country"
 - i. Bikes and horses are allowed in "back country"
 - ii. Are bikes allowed in primitive?
 - iii. Which parts of the trail have which classification? – currently unclear
- 4. Financial Update (Stani Bohac)
 - a. Balance 3200.75
 - i. Revenue
 - (1) \$200 – Elite Endeavors for Torn Short Tri volunteers
 - (2) 92.80 – quarterly MMBA disbursement
 - ii. Expenses
 - (1) \$50 – May chapter meeting ABC rental
 - (2) \$61.88 – brush mower repair
 - (3) \$47.68 – ramps
- 5. Walk-ins
 - a. Trail work ongoing in Arcadia Dunes Park
 - b. State-level discussions to add chapters on the west coast of lower Michigan and the UP.
 - c. Congratulations - Marne Smiley and Jim James finished first in womens and men's class, respectively, in the Torn Shirt Triathlon