

Friends of Wompatuck meeting, April 23, 2007

In attendance: J. Dillon, M. Schow, M. Neilson, J. Rose, S. Gammon, C. Hebert, B. Boles, S. Cobble, Kevin C (bike barn)

Missing: Eric O. (recuperating)

Meeting brought to order at 7:05pm by Pres. Boles

V. Pres. Report – review of trail maintenance date(s), June 2 as National Trail Day/Nemba Trail Maintenance Day at Wompatuck. April 29, Nemba Annual meeting being held at Wompatuck with invite to attendees to do some ride/trim trail work.

Treas. Report - \$3301 as of 3/18. Expenses since 3/18 of \$834. Ending balance \$2467 as of 4/23. Expenses included organization/event insurance payments, USA Cycling permits, website and misc. expenses. Motion to accept, motion carried unanimously.

501-3-C status – applied for Federal I.D number. Tax forms filed but still waiting for Federal number. State tax forms filed. Clarification in FOW Bylaws about dissolution of FOW, suggested by lawyer. All bylaw revision forms to secretary to send to lawyer for comments.

Park Service Day, May 12th. Steve G. reported that Andy Mills will supply an amount of rose of Sharon bushes, for both the kiosks and bunker project. He has procured extra shovels, rakes, etc. Will dump ‘loam’ at all locations before event. Has some located some landscape timbers. He will transport materials to the Brass Kettle Brook kiosk by DCR truck. Still need ‘kiosk’ trail bosses. Trail boss meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 29th at 1PM to discuss specific kiosk plans. Mark Schow suggested inclusion of Park Service Day poster in all kiosks. Suggestion to include May 12th as a Nemba Trail Maintenance Day, with Nemba tool trailer in attendance (presently at Borderland). Steve C to coordinate Nemba participaton and trailer.

Steve C mentioned that June 2nd is National Trails Day. Quickly reviewed who will be in attendance at Wompatuck that day to work, including REI.

Steve G brought group up to date on the bunker project. Footings are in. Stone dust walk is in. Sign is being made. History written. Work continues.

Jim Rose brought group up to date on his continued historical documentation of what went on at Wompatuck, through the words of those that worked there.

Nemba annual meeting to take place at Wompatuck on April 29th. at about 11:30am. A ride will preceed it. Possibly with hand trim trail work.

Landmine race course is almost finalized. Section between E9 & E7 (roadway) deleted. Substitute the ‘dotted trail’ that runs parallel to it. Saturday courses are on the west side

of Union Street. East of that are the 'hero sections'. Saturday camping in the field/pine grove for race officials, FOW members, security, etc. All others in campground. Steve G's band on Saturday, from noontime on. Exact schedule of race events not known. Short track maybe @ 1pm. Put race route map on FOW website, with copy of flyer. Post race route on kiosks.

Steve G has removed several camp sites from use, next to MTB trails, including C23, M23, M25 and the 'R' sites. Note: campsite map(s) can be found on the DCR's Wompatuck website.

Ameri Corps. Will be in Ames Nowell for 1 week, in Wompatuck for 1 week (rebuilding bridges), mid-summer. Wompatuck received \$500 grant from Nemba.

Brian Hill (FOW member) has donated 4 park benches, to be placed around the Visitor Center. Steve G will coordinate and supply concrete slab with security attachments.

Discussed ATV problems at Ames Nowell. ATVs the size of 'Jeeps' being sighted.

Next meetings: May 21, July 16, and Aug. 20.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.