

Friends of Wompatuck  
Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2007

Present: Mary B., Carol B, Eric O., Steve G, Bill B., Steve C., Paul P., Alma M., Jim R., Jim D. Andrea H., Andy M., Phillip K., Chris H., Mark S., Vicki S., Kevin C.

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. Introductions followed.

Officers Report:

Bill B- Exploring park in preparation for big weekend. Has noticed lots of overgrown trails.

Steve C.- Trail care days. REI wants to be involved again. August 26 th will be the next trail care day. This will be used as a pre race work session. The following trail maintenance date will be the 14 th of October.

Chris H.- Chris gave an update on the FOW bank account.

Eric O.- Website taken over by Vicki Schow. Membership at 32. Eric doing cutbacks. Will e-mail members when he is going out next.

Old Business:

501c3 application- The state rejected our second attempt to modify the amendment to our bylaws/articles of organization stating we are mixing up these two things. Chris recommends that we move forward with filing our 501c3 application so that we can get it in our attorney's hands. We can file our 501c3 at the same time we re-file our change of amendments at the state level. Group unanimously accepted the motion to take Chris' advice and file our 501c3 and begin having the lawyer take a look at.

Bunker Project- Formwork for ramp is up. Still waiting for concrete company to come in and inspect the forms since the scouts set up the forms themselves. This aspect of the project is holding up the other two scouts from finishing.

New Business:

Mass Bay Road Club- Looking for volunteers for a road race on August 19 th in Norwell. E-mail [chrisconstantino@comcast.net](mailto:chrisconstantino@comcast.net) to volunteer or find out more info. Volunteers are needed for 4 hour shifts 8AM-12 PM and 12PM to 4 PM.

Interpretive Programs – Mary is running instructional programs at the park. Vicki will update our website with all these events. Spread the word that these programs are available.

NEMBAFEST- Phillip Keys, director of NEMBA gave a description of the day's events. Wants to dovetail NEMBAFEST as a two day event. Camping on site available in campground. Vendors can certainly stay with their product overnight and limited camping around south field. Walk in sites available at campgrounds, plenty of camping will be available. Showers available. Phillip is asking vendors to stay for both days so use this (Trek will be staying) as a hook. Steve C will be in charge of the food concession both days. Need to identify volunteer coordinator in SE MA to help get volunteers for NEMBAFEST. Mark S. volunteered for the position and will work on identifying ride leaders. Phillip says we need Beg and Intermediate rides, 5 of each would be ideal. Have rides leave on the half hour from 9:30 to 12:30 PM. Ride leaders can take arrows with them to check the marking of the course. Need riders to go through course on race day morning. Kevin will identify riders to do this.

Starting on Friday the 7th we should spend time that day reviewing the w/e to ensure everything is in place. Phillip will be here Friday and meet with Paul Peaslee. Paul stated he will run the mountain bike Olympics during NEMBAFEST. There will also be skills clinics- LUNA Chicks and EMS team will be at NEMBAFEST. FOW needs to have an educational booth set up. DCR may be able to staff this booth.

Course will be fully marked by Friday the 7th. Bill and Steve will spear head marking the course but they need help. Eric will have the arrows to Bill within next few weeks. Volunteers for Saturday should be here by 8 AM. Paul Peaslee will get a flat bed truck for Steve G.'s band will be playing that afternoon around mid day. Band name is Blame the Dog which is classic rock. Need cowbells for short track! Eric can bring some bells possibly Alma. Eric will look into buying large quantity for the crowd to use for the short track. Put the word out to bring noise makers for the afternoon race. Medals for Saturday need to be purchased by FOW. Dog tags are popular idea. Kids will need to sign a waiver. Eric will explore dog tag option. Root 66 will be responsible for Sunday (check with Jill to make sure they can cover). Get 4-5 porta potties . Paul Peaslee will obtain a contact for the porta potties from a friend. Eric will coordinate with Phillip FOW will split cost with NEMBA.

Phillip mentioned bringing in a barbeque specialist. He will see if that person can work NEMBAFEST on Saturday. This way we could just handle food on Sunday. However, we would be giving up Saturday's food revenue stream if this man came in to do food on Saturday. Paul Peaslee brought up the idea of a money raffle. Half of the kittle goes out to the winner of the raffle. This would be a simple effective way to raise funds for FOW . Raffle tickets could be sold while people are registering for NEMBAFEST. Steve C will be obtaining a food permit this year from board of health. Sign up will be from 9 AM to 11 AM. MTB Olympics will start at 1 PM followed by the kids race, called the Kids Classic. Ask Jill if we can do the Short Track at 2 PM instead of 1 PM so that NEMBAFEST activities will be wrapping up so that people can watch the race. (Jill said

that would be no problem) 50/50 raffle will take place on Sunday as well. Just need someone to sell tickets. Malcolm? Saturday's events should be wrapped up by 5 PM.

\*\*\*\*Ask Jill if they can get there early so the tent/ bouncy can be set up inside NEMBA area. Also, is it OK if we run the short track at 2 PM.\*\*\*\* Eric will post on Root 66 board about our race and NEMBAfest.

Landmine- Eric is the volunteer coordinator for this event. Tapping local business and scouts for volunteers. At bifurcation of trail, where riders split, put up balloons and other things to make riders aware that they will be splitting with Beg going one way and everyone else will go the other way. Maybe the Simms brothers sponsor the Marathon Class? Kevin will find out if they would be willing to sponsor this event. Kevin brought a sample copy of the flyer. It will be posted on the FOW site. Registration will open at 7:30 to 9:30, pre reg will be strongly encouraged. Tents will be set up alphabetically for day of registration and separate area for pre-registered riders.

Trail cut backs- Steve gave us an update about trail cutbacks and falling trees (oaks). Andy stated he would begin keeping track of what trees need to be cut and relay that info to Steve G. He suggested Eric e-mail him trail sections that really needed to be cut back (use trail markers) and he will try to get his crew to do some cutbacks. Bay state trail riders want to be involved with next trail maintenance day (Allen and Wendy Amerol?) Steve mentioned the Nature Trail is in bad shape and will require fill and machine work.

Jim Rose wants a story about benches for next FOW newsletter by August. Talk to Brian Hill.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM by Bill Boles.

Submitted Respectfully,

Eric Oddleifson

FOW Secretary