

Friends of Wompatuck
Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2007

In attendance: Bill B., Eric O., Chris H. , Malcolm N., Larz , Jim D., Philip , Steve G,
Carolanne Brown

Meeting comes to Order: 7:10 pm

Old Business

Trail Day

Eric announced that the latest Trail Day was a big success, about 14 volunteers attended. 75% of the bike route markers were covered with sealant. A new trail was opened along Herring Pond and additional trails that were in need of attention were well cleared.

NEMBA Fest

NEMBA Fest/Land Mine Classic Information

Saturday was a recreational ride

Sunday was a race with the profits going to the Friends

Approximately 343 people registered with 275 racers.

Many additional people attended with out signing up

Discussion held expressing rumored concern over holding the event for a third year in a row at the same location.

Bill stated that if the Friends were interested in holding the even again at Wompatuck, NEMBA would agree.

Chris and Malcolm discussed the possibility of expanding the event to encompass other common park activities in addition to mountain biking.

Chris suggested using the mountain bike event as a springboard for other groups to get involved. Examples were given of EMS and REI with kayak demonstrations.

He suggested taking a look at expanding the Friends event.

Bill informed the group that the race course and fun ride utilize much of the park making it difficult to have coinciding events.

Eric expressed concern about holding the event at Wompatuck again and the Friends involvement in it.

He is concerned that NEMBA would need to be more involved in the planning and implementation of the event.

Chris proposed motion, second by Steve

Motion: NEMBA Fest and Land Mine will be held as one event and will be held at Wompatuck State Park for the third year in a row. A separate event will be held in the spring to focus more on the parks other recreation activities.

In Favor: 8

Not in Favor: 1

Jim proposed amended motion, second Chris

Motion Amended: The NEMBA Fest will be held for a third year in a row at Wompatuck state park provided that NEMBA agrees to take a more active role in planning the event and can commit to providing the majority of volunteers and coordination for those volunteers well in advance to the event.

In Favor: 8

Not in Favor: 1

Amended Motions Passed

Park Day Event - The idea of a separate Park Day was made, suggesting it focus on the many different activities possible at the park, allowing for many different groups to hold mini-events/programs through out the day.

Look at this as a possible Spring event

The Visitor Center, with its amenities, would make an easily accessible focus point to the event.

Bill suggested in addition to inviting the different groups that utilize the park and concessionaires that holding ongoing park project/trail maintenance, in which visitors could take part for how ever long they wanted, would be a good way to demonstrate current improvement efforts at the park and some of what the friends group does.

Additional ideas included: Boy scouts, camping demos, natural and cultural history focused events, kayaks with REI and EMS, shuttle busses to allow visitors easier access to remote locations.

Jim proposed motion to create a committee to head the Park Day event planning

Motion Tabled until next meeting when the park supervisor will be in attendance.

Treasurers Report

Chris gave a break down of the NEMBA Fest/Land Mine Classic event financials showing a net profit for the weekend of \$5,205.01

Treasury report :

Balance on 8/20/2007 – \$1796.75

Revenues- \$9091.00

Expenses- \$2766.87

Balance on 10/15/2007 – \$8720.88

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Chris reported that they are very close in finishing the process and will soon need the pro-bono lawyer to take a look at the application.

Details were discussed relative to required information for finalizing the process.

Due to the Friends groups gross receipts the application fee will be \$500 to process.

Jim proposed motion to pay the \$500 to process the application; second by Eric

All in Favor

Motion Passed

New Business

Visitor Center Water bubbler

Jim informed the friends that the water bubbler at the park visitor center has not been working all summer and that many visitors depend on that as a convenient water source.

The park supervisor will be consulted as to when and if the water bubbler is on a list to be fixed. In the meantime Jim will proceed and make a list of the top three water bubbler choices. The board and members will be able to revisit this on the website for further discussion and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Using spray chalk instead of spray paint for marking the race route was discussed. The chalk applies like the paint but will wash away in a few rain storms. Chris will supply information on purchasing for the future.

Larz expressed interest in clearing a specific region of rail bed on the next Trail Day

Work Tools

It is often challenging to get access to the NEMBA trailer for tools on Trail Days.

All agreed on the need for the Friend to own their own supply of basic hand tools and a secure yet accessible place to store them.

Steve proposed a motion, Chris second.

Develop a list of necessary hand tools and price list for purchase.

All in Favor

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm