

Board Meeting

July 28, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Zoom meeting



Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Board Members Mark Kappel, Joe Lampen, and Kirk Walter, as well as Members at Large Joel Blease, Randy Knapp, Brian Timmer, and Alex Wagner.

Determination of Quorum

Approval of April 2020 Minutes

Thank you, Julia Miller! Kirk share that Julia resigned from the board on 7/28/20. We thank Julia for her contributions to MEMBA.

Organization/structure

- The board discussed a strategy for communicating the decision and approval for the use of class 1 bikes at Mosquito Creek. Joe will send Brian a document that summarizes MEMBA's research and position that will be used for social media & the MEMBA web site.
- The board continued the discussion around a future organization structure. Joe had previously distributed a revised version (attached). After discussion and a unanimous vote, the structure was adopted. This will result in new role(s) within MEMBA (i.e. the VP and the trail coordinator lead) that may or may not be filled by existing board members. This can be an opportunity to recruit new riders into the MEMBA board.

Upcoming Member Zoom Meeting- The board continued planning for an upcoming member meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding an in person outdoor meeting vs a virtual meeting. The board felt participation rates might be higher via virtual (i.e. Zoom), and thus will proceed with a virtual meeting. August is the target. Kirk will assemble an agenda and distribute to the board for comment in advance.

Mosquito Creek Trail Update- Alex provided an update. Work on the Matrix is planned for this fall (donations for lumber are needed) and work on the additional loop (~ 6 miles) will begin this fall as well. Discussions are in process with the DEQ in regards to stream crossings / bridges. New signage is in place, as well as the donor board. Additional parking is under investigation by Joel.

Bass River Update- Joe shared that MEMBA purchased a gas powered trimmer for use at Bass (and other MEMBA trails). Chuck Moll has the trimmer and has been active trimming (Thanks Chuck!).

Jamestown Township Trail Opportunity- Kirk & Joe shared an update on the Jamestown Project. An onsite meeting occurred 6/2/20 with Consumers Power in regards to parking. Joe presented a formal proposal. 2 trail builders have visited the site and a 3rd is planned. Feedback has been positive in regards to feasibility and high level estimates have been received. The near term focus continues to be on securing land use agreements.

Riley Trail Update- Kirk shared an update on Riley Trails – the 5/23 trail day was a success. The crushed concrete provided my MEMBA was consumed, Ottawa County has since replenished that supply for a fall trail day. Ottawa County recently shared that directional by day signs are nearly complete and request MEMBA's assistance in installing them.

Upper Macatawa Trail Update- Joe provided an update on Upper Mac – Jeff Cobb repaired the dip in the ravine and the trail rides well. Thanks Jeff.

Treasurers Report –Joe provided commentary on the previously distributed financial report. Given the Holland 100 was cancelled this year, we will be down \$3-\$4K in our budget from the \$ we earned in the past via SAG services

2020 Information Initiative Update

- New logo is being used.
- Joel will set up emails for each board position so members can direct inquiries to specific people as needed, and any change in board membership will allow the transition to be smoother.
- Discussed having a virtual member meeting in May 2020. Potentially have a multiple, smaller meetings broken up by geographic trail area.

Owasippe- Randy shared that Owasippe will continue to be open until bow hunting this fall.

Park Township- Joe shared that MEMBA is being included in the planning of trails for a small park being developed at the end of Perry St. in Park Township.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: October 27, 2020 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Walter & Dayna McCoy