

Minutes

NSMTBTA Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010

In Attendance: Sue Earle, Lawrence Plug, Kaarin Tae, Darrell Cooling, Tom Kavanagh, Matt Rockwell, Kyle Hughes, Duane Moase

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes** from Nov.2nd, 2010 : Darrell, seconded Lawrence
3. **Regrets:** Troy Turple, Adrian Doolittle, Geoff Murray
4. **Cape Split Meeting with DNR** (Tom) – Tom Kavanagh, Lawrence Plug, Darrell Cooling, Sue Earle, Mike Hutchinson and Ryan Lindh met with DNR in Truro on November 22nd to discuss the management plan for Cape Split. The meeting was positive and in the end DNR indicated that there will be room for discussion regarding the inclusion of mountain bikes at Cape Split. They also indicated that they would like to work with us to develop mountain bike trails in a variety of areas around the province that include parks and crown land. They asked us to put together some information that indicates the experience that mountain bikers look for.
ACTION: We will develop a survey to gather information from all our members that can be presented to DNR. Sue will put together a SurveyMonkey survey and the results will be sent to Darrell for compilation.
5. **NSMTBTA Logo** (Sue) – Sue has been corresponding with Eliot Matheson, a graphic designer who has offered to help us come up with a logo. Eliot submitted several designs for our consideration. Discussion ensued and a design was chosen with a few suggested changes.
ACTION: Sue will contact Eliot and see if it's possible to have him work those changes into the design.
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 - 6.1. **Trail Standard Committee** (Kaarin, Lawrence, Sue) – Kaarin spoke with Vanda Jackson at the NS Trails Federation regarding getting the Whistler Standards incorporated into the NSTF Trails Manual. They prefer not to use the word "Standards", but if we draw up guidelines that are in line with IMBA, they will incorporate them.
ACTION: The committee will meet to get the guidelines finished and submitted before the next NSMTBTA meeting.
- 6.2. **Area Reps Reports**
 - 6.2.1. HRM (Shawn Skelhorn) – not present Lawrence mention that he met with some of the people who have been building in the Fight Trail (Macintosh Run) area and they are interested in working with the Macintosh Watershed Association to help develop the legal trail system that is being developed.
 - 6.2.2. Cape Breton (no rep yet)
 - 6.2.3. Annapolis Valley (Glenn McMullen / Mike Hutchinson) – not present Tom reported that the people responsible for the Falls River Trail System at Moses Mountain are looking for help in maintaining it – there may be the opportunity for a partnership.
 - 6.2.4. Highlands (Sherry Huybers) – Not Present Sue reported that the fear over losing trails at Fitz due to condo development is being addressed – and there is less fear that the rails will be lost due to the impending change of ownership.
 - 6.2.5. South Shore –(Matt Rockwell) – Matt reported that a scouting mission would happen on Dec. 11th at the Forest Heights School in Chester Grant (NSMTBTA members were invited) to examine potential in the crown land behind the school for trails. NSMTBTA has the opportunity to work with the school and community to develop a trail system. Several people indicated interest in helping with this project.
 - 6.2.6. Fundy (Duane Moase) – nothing to report
7. Other Business Arising
 - 7.1. Lawrence suggested we would be wise to write a blog for the IMBA Canada newsletter indicating what we've been up to.
ACTION: Tom will put something together before the next meeting.
8. Next meeting: January 4th in Windsor, location to be determined.
9. Motion to adjourn: Kaarin, seconded by Darrell