

# Minutes

## NSMTBTA Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th, 2011

**In Attendance:** Sue Earle, Shawn Skelhorn, Tom Kavanagh, Scott Walsh, Ryan Lindh, Michelle Marcinkiewicz

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Tom, seconded Shawn
2. **Approval of Minutes** from Jan.4th, 2011 : Shawn, seconded: Scott
3. **Regrets:** Mike Hutchinson, Heather Watson, Darrell Cooling, Lawrence Plug, Kaarin Tae, Troy Turple, Matt Rockwell, Sherry Huybers
4. **Logo and Brochure** (Sue) – Logo was finished and submitted by Eliot Matheson. Tom will deliver his contest prize. Sue commented that we should probably start working on a brochure so that we have something to hand out at Gorefest to let people know more about us.  
**ACTION:** Tom will contact Eliot to see if he can put together a brochure.
5. **DNR Report** (Sue) – Darrell has become too busy to continue working on the DNR report right now.  
**ACTION:** Sue will put a report together and submit it to the group for review before sending it to DNR.
6. **Screening Opportunity - PedalDriven** (Sue) – We received an invitation to screen a new documentary bike movie called PedalDriven. It was promoted as a fundraising opportunity, however we would have to pay an upfront screening fee to host the movie. Upon discussion we decided that it was not likely that we would make a profit with this movie and therefore we will not be hosting a screening.
7. **Antigonish Ride Group Followup** (Tom) - Tom hasn't spoken with the Antigonish Ride Group regarding their request yet. He will speak to Kaarin or Sherry about contacting Jeff Teasdale.
8. **Area Reps Reports**
  - 8.1. HRM (Shawn)
    - Paperwork for the Spider Lake Trails Association is filled out and ready to be submitted to Joint Stocks Registry.
    - Shawn would like to arrange for permission from the Spider Lake landowners to host a trail day in the near future.-
    - Discussions have been happening with the Evil Birch trail builders concerning the Blue Mountain Wilderness Area. The possibility of using this land for trails is complicated by the fact that there is no legal parking and that trail users have to access the trail head by crossing a privately owned quarry.
    - Scott planned to hike the Spider Lake trails with Don Neil and Paul Euloff from HRM but those plans fell through. Scott provided them with relevant GPS maps and information for the area. They stated that they'd like the paperwork to formalize the SLTA to be processed before they become further involved.
  - 8.2. Cape Breton - No Representative yet
  - 8.3. Annapolis Valley (Ryan)
    - Michelle is running after school camps as Wolfville's Cycling Coordinator
    - The town of Wolfville is developing a mountain bike trail system complete with a skills park.
    - The AVMB has races lined up for this year - DH and XC formats.
    - There is a cleanup day scheduled for The Gorge. Ryan is trying to coordinate a dumpster to remove trash.
    - AVMB is planning a bike raffle fundraiser
  - 8.4. Highlands (Sherry) - not present, sent report
    - Trenton Park is going to have some trails marked very soon as we now have all the markers to do so.
    - Fitz has been cleaned up quite a bit. A new bridge has been put in and Duncan English has taken a chainsaw in and has about half the trails done.
    - We're still awaiting new Glasgow's land approval for the dirt park and trail
  - 8.5. South Shore (Matt) - not present, sent report

Nothing much new in Lunenburg County. I attended a trail maintenance session for the Indian Path Common trail (near Riverport). It was well attended (15-20) but the average age was easily twice my own. The group that currently "looks after" the trail is focused on nature (birdwatching, butterflies, flora and fauna, etc.) Even though I didn't introduce myself as such a few of them soon asked "Are you the bikers?"

The majority of the work performed was trimming branches but they did take on one re-routing project. I joined late after my original task was complete and it was obvious that the group did not have much/any trail formal design experience. They created a new route through a wet area (yes... new route THROUGH...). The re-route is much better at the moment but does not have any less potential to become a mud hole than the last trail. I have been meaning to contact the groups leader (president, VP, whatever) and offer some services in fixing some of the other sections properly but have not had the time yet.

No news on Forest Heights - Totem Trails....
  - 8.6. Fundy (Rod Bois) - not present
9. Date for next meeting: Tuesday, July 5th - somewhere near Chester - location to be announced
10. Motion to Adjourn - Scott, Ryan