

SMBA meeting agenda and minutes
March 28th 2018
Brown's Brewing in Troy

Agenda items in bold. Minutes in regular font. Action items underlined.

Attendees: Ian Bonesteel, Brad Howe, Chris Morris, Kevin Ballou, Kim Didrich, Steve Shufon, Chris Cavanaugh, Jim Bonesteel (Executive Director RPA), Jason Anderson, Andy Choens, Jason Gorsage, Rick Pitts (CCMBA), Art Picard, Danny (RPI student, BATS)

- Commence at 6:10pm
- **Board updates**
 - **President**
 - Chris M confirmed we can get a group discount at Killington- CM need to follow up on pricing
 - **Vice President**
 - Ian (VP South)
 - “Broken Spoke” beer from The Alchemist as a fundraiser
 - S&S brewery
 - Brown's Brewing
 - Rare Form
 - Chatham, joint with CCMBA?
 - Adam (VP North)
 - Need to get a proposal to Rich for “re-routes”. Make sections more sustainable and fun to ride.
 - **Treasurer update**
 - YTD \$1000 of expenses
 - Have a pretty hefty balance in the bank
 - Invest or spend some on trail projects
 - Investing might be tricky with 501c3 status. Needs to be very secure investment though
 - Treasury's direct is an option.
 - Use funds toward a match for a grant?
- **Trail system updates**
 - **Daniels Rd**
 - Parking lot still not official. Gates are open. Soft opening. Need to understand reasoning behind not a full open. Art will reach out to DEC about lot.
 - Want to flag a new trail (Canyon to Backstretch), need to check with DEC on when we can proceed.

- Have more pressure treated wood. Need to keep working on bridges. Goal is two more this year.
 - **Pittstown**
 - “Deuce and a half” is flagged out. Should be rake and ride.
 - Logging is done in southeast quadrant
 - Tweak some areas with re-routes etc.
 - Kiosk as Eagle Scout project
 - Dirt Rag write-up from visit in 2017
 - **Poestenkill/RPA Lands**
 - Poestenkill CF meeting last night
 - Focusing on trails south of Legenbauer
 - Need to get trails on Trailforks
 - Create a Rensselaer Plateau Riders Facebook group?
 - Grafton forest offer from DEC slated for June/July, and transferred by the end of the year.
 - RPA has insurance for the skills park! Michigan Millers is underwriter
 - Cowee forest is 9000 acres!
 - **Thacher**
 - New Park Manager at Thompson’s Lake Campground is a mountain biker. Wants to improve biking at the park.
 - Region has more money to put into their skills park. Hope to advance in 2018 including a drop practice area!
- **Membership**
 - Have maps and stickers updated for 2018 and ready to go.
 - CM will work with Kim to launch by April 1.
- **2018 Schedule of events**
 - **Review and discuss lead organizer and next steps. Need to publicize.**
 - Finalize events with lead organizers by 4/9.
- **New topics**
 - **KP trail system** - group discussion on background and status
 - 1000 acres. 300-400 is DEC. About 15 miles of trails initially, down to about 10 miles now.
 - State cut down about 400 trees on 6 miles of trails.
 - Brad feels as though our announcement on KP trails last year, hurt their case down there.
 - Want to preserve County trails. State trails might be a lost cause.
 - Land between King Rd and Taylor Rd was just logged. After logging is done, Kevin has been given the unofficial go ahead to build trails after this. Could maybe focus on this going forward.
 - Kevin and Brad asking for advice or support from club.

- SMBA board will discuss internally and determine what capacity we will be involved (if at all)
 - Ride/trail work share with other local clubs and builders (CCMBA, NYNJTC)
 - Flesh out ideas and dates in 2018
- Adjourn at 8:50pm