

Dear Members:

This is to update you on the current meeting of WRASC for August 2008.

The meeting started with the official vote on the appointed new slate of officers. Ray Cole Jr. - President Vernon Stone - Vice President Sherry Smith - Secretary.

The club has been notified that it had won a \$50 prize from the Brandon 4th July parade for the floats. Our club had also won 3 categories at the Poultney parade that weekend. Again many thanks to all members who participated in the parades. And special thanks to Jim Woods, Shawn Lasage, and the Gagnon family for all they have done to make the parades possible. With out all their time and effort we would not have had a good showing.

Fund Raising is still about the same. We are selling candy bars at club functions and will continue to offer them whenever possible. Sherry will come up with some ideas for a fund raiser over the winter months. This is so we can have more time to dedicate to raising money and not be using time when we are trying to work our trails. It will also give us a social time over the winter.

Events - the following is a list of events scheduled for the next few months. Some will have details filled in at the next meeting.

September 7th - Club Ride and Cook-Out at Woodlawn

10 AM Morning Ride - Lunch at @ 12:30 - Afternoon Ride

Club will provide hot dogs, rolls, chips, and soda

Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share.

September 20th - Group Ride On Stockbridge Trails

October 12th - Group Ride On Townsend Trails

October 26th - End Of The Season Ride and Potluck Lunch at Riverside Farm Bring a dish and warm clothes - We provide the warming hut!

November - Possible group ride to New Hampshire Trail System

Apparel - We have been working with Fragnoli's in Whitehall, NY to get our apparel made. Ray had gotten quotes and the club approved to set up a new account with them and to order the graphics to be held in stock for shirts as we need them. Since the meeting Ray has contacted Fragnoli's and gotten the ball rolling to put this in order and we soon will be able to take orders for embroidered coats and get some sweatshirts made.

Trail Reports - Woodlawn needs some brush trimming. The raspberry bushes keep growing back each time they are cut back. Dutch Hill - has not been rid en much this season. We will worry about full top to bottom cleaning in the spring or after regular riding season is done. Danby Quarry - much is open and rid able. Some areas need a bit of work but several have been riding the area all summer. Riverside Farm - closed due to Extreme wet conditions and hope to dry and open for season end riding.

Club Trailer - Ray checked into having the club trailer lettering redone. It will cost \$150 to have it all re lettered and the club passed to have this done. Ray took the trailer to the shop and it will be completed by next week.

Club Canopy - Sherry got prices for canopies for the club. The prices have dropped since end of the season sales are on now. So the club allowed \$500 for her to order 2 12x12 e-z up type canopies for the club. They are to be commercial grade. Also Tom allowed us to use his canopy in the past and the top had gotten damaged. The club had agreed to get him a new top but it has not been purchased. Sherry is also going to get a new top for Tom's canopy.

The Club Website - Ray contacted Christina Roy about the website and they worked out to get together with Bernie Capron to get our website up and running as well as up-dated. They have been working all week since the meeting to get the work done and it should be soon all new and improved. We hope to be able to have it working and keeping up to date from now on. They have it on a site to finalize it and will soon have it open for the public.

It was voted on that we will send a thank you gift to the Gagnon family for all the work and hours they have spent on the club over the past few years. Sherry presented the Gagnons with a certificate of appreciation and a cracker,cheese, & jam basket. Earl Kehoe was also presented with the same for his time and dedication to the club as well.

Vernon Stone talked to the club about the Hartford, NY club. He is a member and is able to take 3 guests on day passes on those trails if anyone is interested in riding with him. We also would like to present to VASA the Hartford Club's rider waiver to see if it is something we could use as a template to get a day pass for VASA.

Lastly we discussed the bylaws and the need to update them. The club bylaws have not been updated since 2003 and are sorely in need to be corrected. We also were advised that VASA is changing some of their bylaws so we will have to accommodate those changes into our club bylaws as those changes happen.

Hope to see everyone at a event or the next meeting. Have a safe and happy month.

Sherry Smith - Secretary WRASC