



BLACKSTONE VALLEY NEMBA

**2026  
SPRING  
CHAPTER  
MEETING**

*Monday, May 11, 2026*

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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

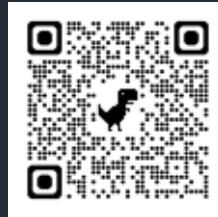
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**SPRING CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
Craftsby Brewing, Millis, Mass. | Monday, May 11th, 2025

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# MINUTE APPROVAL



Scan to view meeting minutes.  
 Noted corrections will be amended to final document

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TREASURER'S REPORT

# ACCOUNT BALANCE

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**\$25,749**

Current balance — May  
2026

**\$24,843**

17-month rolling average

**\$3,739**

YTD expenses of \$30K  
budget

# MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCE

Month	Balance	Change
Jan 2025	\$25,078.61	—
Feb 2025	\$25,142.31	\$63.70
Mar 2025	\$33,310.87	<b>\$8,168.56</b>
Apr 2025	\$31,804.26	(\$1,506.61)
May 2025	\$29,555.72	(\$2,248.54)
Jun 2025	\$29,807.69	\$251.97
Jul 2025	\$27,551.45	(\$2,256.24)
Aug 2025	\$29,664.51	\$2,113.06
Sep 2025	\$29,076.66	(\$587.85)
Oct 2025	\$26,735.25	(\$2,341.41)
Nov 2025	\$22,169.95	(\$4,565.30)
Dec 2025	\$18,030.32	(\$4,139.63)
<b>Jan 2026</b>	\$11,634.03	<b>(\$6,396.29)</b>
<b>Feb 2026</b>	\$10,103.06	(\$1,530.97)
<b>Mar 2026</b>	\$23,550.11	<b>\$13,447.05</b>
<b>Apr 2026</b>	\$23,365.11	(\$185.00)
<b>May 2026</b>	\$25,749.39	\$2,384.28
<b>Average:</b>	<b>\$24,842.90</b>	<b>\$41.92</b>

Current  
Balance

**\$25,749**

May 2026

17-Month  
Average

**\$24,843**

Jan 25–May 26

Low Point

**\$10,103**

Feb 2026

High Point

**\$33,311**

Mar 2025

## 2026 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL

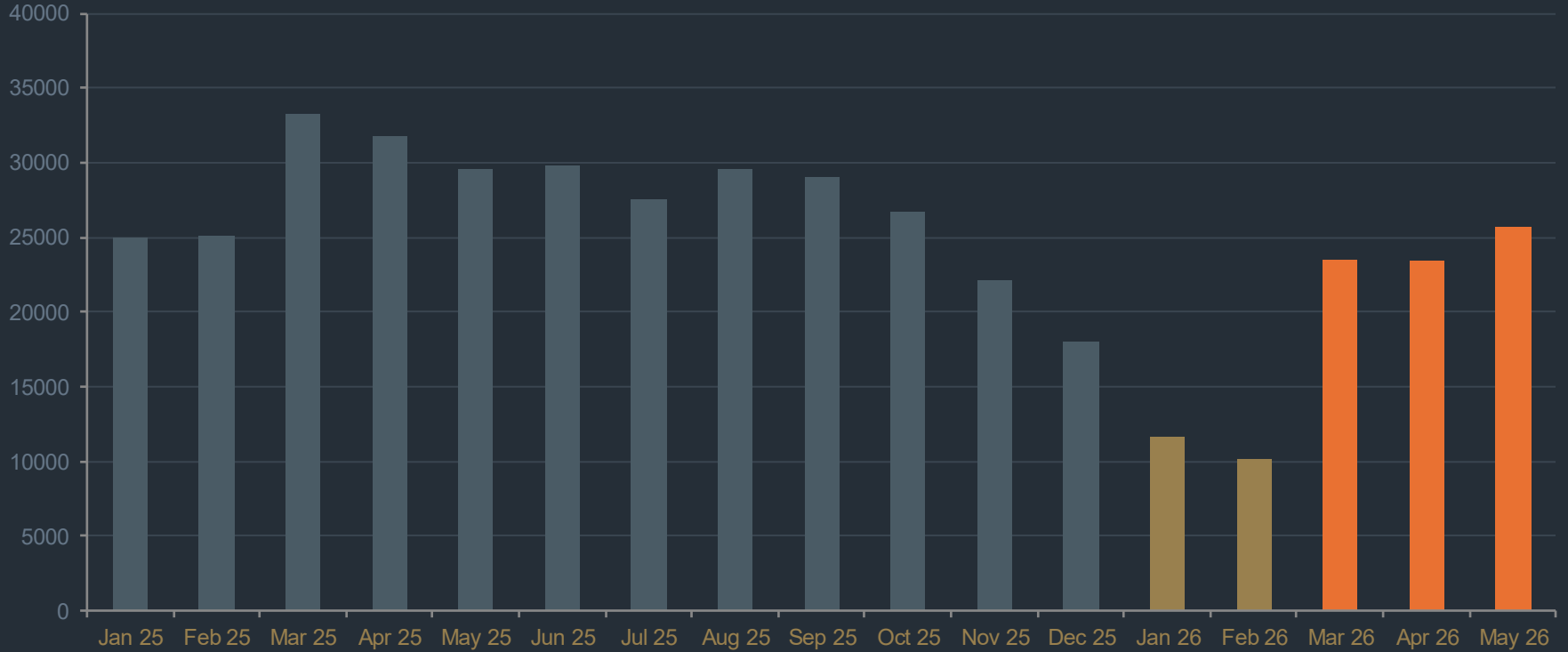
	2026	2026	2025	2024	2023
Expenses	YTD	Approved	Actual	Actual	Actual
Admin	\$60.06	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$137.31	\$129.68
Cross-Chapter Donations	\$—	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$—	\$2,650.00
Donations/Memberships/Sponsorships	\$—	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,100.00
Education	\$—	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	\$4,478.59	\$1,250.00
Equipment/Tools	\$1,090.55	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,573.86	\$2,506.24
Event Food	\$758.81	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,756.27	\$4,707.93
Events Expenditures	<b>\$965.04</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,344.16	\$3,654.08
Marketing	\$164.80	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$677.50	\$291.55
Restricted Purpose Expenditures	\$—	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$—	\$—
Long Term Projects (Holliston, Northboro, Millbury, Vietnam)*	\$—	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$1,956.88	\$1,557.92
Trail Work/Build Supplies	\$699.62	\$—	\$—	\$4,876.14	\$3,258.65
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,738.88</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,300.71</b>	<b>\$21,106.05</b>

\*Long Term Project expenses tracked in Trail Work/Build Supplies

## YTD SPENDING DETAIL

Budget Category	Project/Area/Ride	SUM of Amount
Admin	Trailer Registration	\$60.06
<b>Admin Total</b>		<b>\$60.06</b>
Equipment/Tools	Millbury	\$254.99
	Trailer Lock	\$58.71
	Vietnam	\$776.85
<b>Equipment/Tools Total</b>		<b>\$1,090.55</b>
Event Food	Chapter Meeting	\$428.95
	Spring Social	\$317.27
	Vietnam	\$12.59
<b>Event Food Total</b>		<b>\$758.81</b>
Events Expenditures	First Night	\$207.52
	Spring Social	\$657.52
	Winterraden	\$100.00
<b>Events Expenditures Total</b>		<b>\$965.04</b>
Marketing	Holliston	\$164.80
<b>Marketing Total</b>		<b>\$164.80</b>
Trail Work/Build Supplies	Vietnam	\$699.62
<b>Trail Work/Build Supplies Total</b>		<b>\$699.62</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$3,738.88</b>

# MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCE



Taupe = Jan–Feb 2026 Orange = Mar–May 2026

# MONTH-OVER-MONTH CHANGE



Mar 2026: +\$13,447 (membership/dues drive) | Jan 2026: -\$6,396

# 2026 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL

Category	YTD	Budget	% Used
Admin	\$60	\$400	15%
Cross-Chapter Donations	\$0	\$1,000	0%
Donations / Memberships	\$0	\$1,500	0%
Education	\$0	\$2,850	0%
Equipment & Tools	\$1,091	\$5,000	22%
Event Food	\$759	\$3,000	25%
Event Expenditures	\$965	\$1,000	97%
Marketing	\$165	\$1,250	13%
Restricted Purpose	\$0	\$1,000	0%
Long-Term Projects	\$0	\$13,000	0%
Trail Work / Build Supplies	\$700	\$0	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,739</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>12%</b>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

# SPRING SOCIAL EXPENSES

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Food	\$317
Police Detail	\$271
Porta Potty	\$386
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$975</b>

*40+ volunteer hours · 45 attendees*



02 — GROUP RIDES

# RIDES ARE IN FULL SWING

FRI

SUN

**Dam Nice Ride (WHD)**

WED

Vietnam Intermediate

VAR

Mt. Pisgah Intermediate+

VAR

Douglas Beginner Ride

VAR

Women's Ride Series (STBG)

*We still need sweeps & ride leaders — talk to leadership tonight.*



03 — SPRING SOCIAL RECAP

# HOW'D IT GO?

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- Photos & trail feedback
- Food — what worked?
- Parking — any issues?

04 — EVENT RECAP

# BEGINNING BRIDGES

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- What went well?
- What can we improve?
- Turnout & first-timer stories



05 — TRAIL WORK & ACCESS

# ENCOURAGE EVERY OUTREACH

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- People are emailing to help — reply to all of them
- Results take time, but advocacy keeps access alive
- Every contact is a potential trail relationship



06 — BEST DAM RIDE 2026

## HOW DO WE STAND OUT?

NEW — Kids' program via NEYC this year!

- What worked last year — what didn't?
- How do we differentiate from other events?



STATE OF THE TRAILS — VIETNAM

# VIETNAM

ALL CLEAR

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*Nothing major. Second jump on the b-line is completed and that trail is open.*

— Biagio C.



STATE OF THE TRAILS — MILLBURY

# MILLBURY

MAINTENANCE SOON

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*Going to start back up on the Millbury pump track. Skills park held up better than expected over winter. Will do maintenance but not urgent.*

— Biagio C.

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*Troop 22 from Millbury planted a tree next to the pump track and did a clean up of the area for Arbor Day for us.*

— Kyle G.



STATE OF THE TRAILS — CALLAHAN  
STATE PARK

# CALLAHAN BRIDGE PROJECT

IN PLANNING

TIMELINE TBD

- New bridge replaces old sunken pallet bridge
- Revised design: "C"-shaped route around wetlands
- Meets Adaptive MTB trail standards — larger span
- DCR leading Conservation Commission approval ✓
- Brian Forestal coordinating with DCR on final design

# DESIGN EVOLUTION



Approach view — old pallet bridge & wetland crossing



Alternate angle — original alignment (red) vs. new route (blue)



New bridge starting point — revised "C" alignment

## DESIGN CHANGE

Original plan anchored off exposed root ball — site review found it not viable long-term. Bridge relocated to opposite side of wetlands, forming a "C" around existing trees. New design also meets Adaptive MTB standards, significantly increasing bridge size.

## STATUS & COORDINATION

- Conservation Commission review passed — no NOI refile required
- Brian Forestal coordinating final design & materials with DCR
- DCR covering majority of material costs
- Timeline TBD — monitoring for project start window

08 — EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

# TWO CANDIDATES

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- What projects fit within our trail systems?
- Bring your ideas to the floor tonight



09 — YMCA DAY OF SERVICE

# IN MEMORY OF JOE HALUS

- Target: June 11 (Rain date June 12)
- ~40 volunteers · 4 hours (10 AM – 2 PM)
- Joe was a NEMBA member, former treasurer & lived in Medway

**What projects can we offer  
in our trail systems?**

*Last year: Julia's Garden, North Attleboro — ideas for 2026?*



REGIONAL UPDATE

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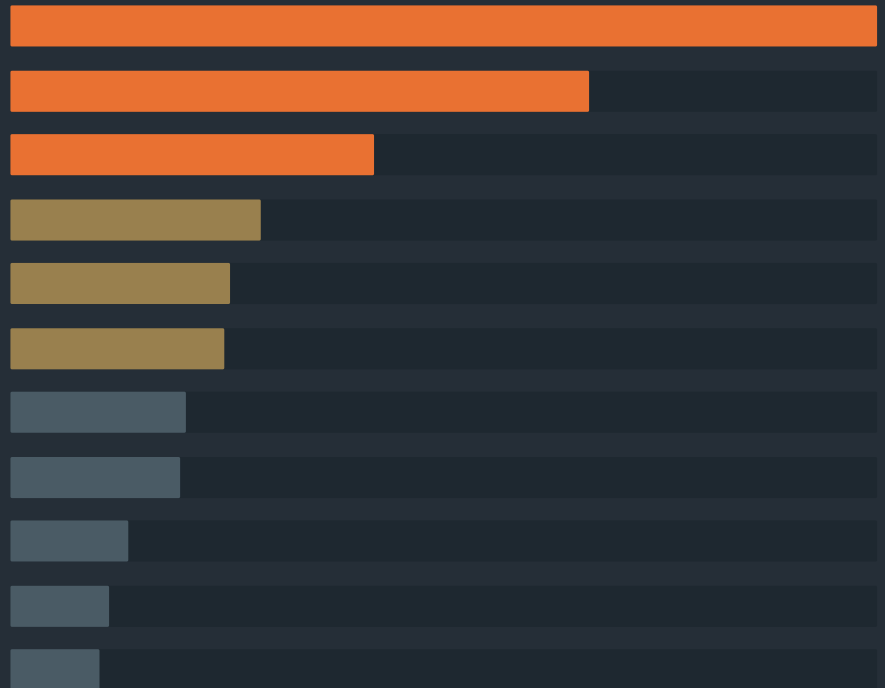
*Member Drive · Sponsors · Grants · Events*

# CHAPTER CHAMPIONS

*These chapters are leading the way this May.*

CHAPTER	% VS 2025
Northwest CT NEMBA	300%
Greater Wolfeboro NEMBA	200%
Quiet Corner NEMBA	125%
Wachusett NEMBA	86%
Penobscot Region NEMBA	75%
Rhode Island NEMBA	73%
Southeast MA NEMBA	60%
Carrabassett Region NEMBA	58%
Cape Cod NEMBA	40%
Six Rivers NEMBA	33%
North Shore MA NEMBA	30%

## GROWTH vs. 2025



# BIG NEWS

## NEW SPONSOR

### Welcome Metrowest Subaru

Joining Conte's Bike Shop as a major sponsor.  
\$45,000+ committed in 2026.

Presenting sponsor — Adventure Series  
Fall Share the Love campaign partner

## SIGNATURE GRANTS

### \$53,704 awarded across 6 projects

*Up from \$20,000 for 2 projects last year.*

<b>Blackstone Valley NEMBA — Holliston Bike Park &amp; Millbury to Miles</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Central Maine NEMBA — Bond Brook Skills Park	\$10,000
Rhode Island NEMBA — Echo Lake Project	\$10,000
Southeast MA NEMBA — Little Bridges Adaptive Access	\$3,704
Western MA NEMBA — Veterans Field Pump Track, Northampton	\$10,000
White Mountains NEMBA — Pump Track & Youth Engagement	\$10,000

*Congratulations to all grant recipients!*

# HOUSEKEEPING

## Chapter Presidents Council

Wed 6/3, 7:45–9 PM via Zoom. Presidents, send a proxy if you cannot attend.

## Intern Support

3 interns joining this summer (data analysis, writing, GIS). Let us know if you have projects that need support.

## Chapter Employees

Consider adding paid summer staff. NEMBA handles hiring and payroll; you manage the work. Central Maine has built dozens of trail miles this way at a fraction of contractor cost.

## Quarterly Financial Transfers

Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 are complete, except for chapters not yet enrolled in Bill.com: SNH, NWCT, Merrimack, CNH.

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

See full list of opportunities. NH — two large grant opps this month!

GRANT	AMOUNT	DEADLINE
Land and Water Conservation Fund — NH	<b>\$150,000+</b>	<i>Opens 5/1/26</i>
American Trails — Trails Capacity Grant	\$2,000–\$15,000	<i>Due 5/15/26</i>
<b>RTP — NH</b>	<b>Up to \$80,000</b>	<i>Due 5/29/26</i>
Maine Trails Program	\$50,000+	<i>Due 6/26/26</i>
Shimano Trail Born	Varies	<i>Due 9/1/26</i>

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>5/16/26</b>	<b>Cape Cod Spring Fling</b>	<i>Sandwich, MA</i>
<b>5/17/26</b>	Philip Keyes Memorial Ride	<i>Carlisle, MA</i>
<b>6/7/26</b>	Fells Opener	<i>Medford, MA</i>
<b>6/28/26</b>	Carolina Hills	<i>Marshfield, MA</i>
<b>6/28/26</b>	Woody Hill Fun Ride	<i>Westerly, RI</i>
<b>9/17–20/26</b>	Quebec Tour	<i>Quebec, Canada</i>

*View full calendar at [nemba.org](http://nemba.org)*



# 2026 STRATEGIC FOCUS

## 01 ACCESSIBILITY

Trail signage, navigation & ease of entry for riders. Our primary focus.

## 02 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partnerships with land managers, municipalities & local organizations.

## 03 YOUTH & FAMILY

Programming, events & infrastructure welcoming the next generation.

## 04 ADVOCACY

Protecting trail access & advancing our voice with DCR and conservation.

Open Floor — What's on your mind?



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**THANKS  
FOR BEING  
HERE.**

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