

Great Plains Bicycling Club

February 24, 2010

The meeting started at 6:30pm. Present were Hal Smith, Chris Blackstock, Randy Smith, Pat Bracken, Di Fowler, Mary and Ron Poe, Steve Clements, Bob Boyce, Chris Hilton, Eric Yule and Steve Lauck.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the Winter Retreat were read and approved. Copies will be emailed to board members at a later date.

Road Construction: Ron Poe announced that there is additional construction planned on our Heatstroke 100 route that we were unaware of. We don't know if it will have any impact on the ride.

Holiday Party: The board approved authorizing an 18% gratuity to Tina's Restaurant for catering the holiday party. Steve Clements will mail a check and include an explanation for it.

Caution Signs: We haven't had a response from any other organizations wanting to order signs with us. The price we were quoted for the ten signs was \$1,555.70. They will be ordered and arrive in time for the Spring Fling.

Advertisement in Chain Gang: After discussion the board will allow cycling related ads in the newsletter. The yearly cost will be \$75 for a business-card sized ad and \$150 for a ¼ page. Bob Boyce will send a letter to the bike shops. It will include Ron and Mary Poe as contact people and they will be responsible for collecting the money from advertisers. A per-issue price was discussed but not confirmed.

Grant Application: The application for the New Belgium Brewing grant still needs some details ironed out before it is submitted.

Bike to Work Week: We need to find out which week in May it will occur and we need to find out what the city and the Pedestrian/Bicycle

Advisory Committee are doing to promote it. Then, we can decide how best the club can join in their activities.

Ride Schedule: The ride schedule is mostly full through the end of May. However, more rides are always encouraged.

Spring Fling: We have conformation from the schools in Louisville, Eagle, and Murdock. The truck is also confirmed. Mary Grewe is doing the t-shirt design. Steve Clements will coordinate the quantity and sizes we will need with her. We will have a sort/merge done of the mailing list before the ride brochure is mailed out. Pat Bracken will contact the Cass County and roads department and sheriff. He will also contact the editor of the Murdock newsletter. There has been no response from our request for volunteer groups.

Spring Fling Bonus: Dr. Scott Keller and his partner want to offer free sports massages to Spring Fling participants. The board moved to allow him to set up his tent at the event but won't promote it in the ride flyers.

GPTN Newsletter: Bob Boyce will look into the publication schedule and the costs associated with the club putting an ad in the Great Plains Trails Network newsletter.

Club Transport: Hal Smith will look into costs associated with purchasing a club van or a trailer to transport club members and their bikes to events.

The next meeting will be March 17 at 6:30pm at Greere Library.

Respectively submitted by Eric Yule