

Great Plains Bicycling Club

July 21, 2010

The meeting started at 7:00pm. Present were Bob Boyce, Randy Smith, Chris Hilton, Pat Bracken, Steve Lauck, Eric Yule, Mary Poe, Chris Blackstock, and Hal Smith.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. There were some minor corrections that were emailed in the revised minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements was not present at the meeting.

Ride for Their Lives: Bob Boyce received a request for the organization representing those two riders. They would like us to meet their riders Sept. 3 outside of town and escort them into Lincoln.

Education Report: Mad Dads donated 100+ bikes during the Special Olympics. Bob Boyce provided small bags of candy and safety handouts to go along with the bikes. The next event will be the City/County Wellness Fair. We need more candy to hand out with the safety flyers.

Event Refund: We have not heard anything from the organizers of the Bike to Work Kickoff after we accepted their offer to return the \$50 not spent on the event. Bob Boyce will contact them again to see if we can get the clubs funds returned.

Firecracker 50: The ride was canceled due to rain. According to Bob Boyce there were still two dozen riders who showed up wanting to ride despite the weather conditions.

Trail Trek: While our handout was included with the promotional rider packet we did not have a club booth at the end of the ride. Evidently we need either staff a sag stop or make a donation to be allowed to set a booth up.

Club Rides: Pat Bracken will be sending out the list of club rides for the next two months for the newsletter. We have rides scheduled every weekend along with the usual weekday rides.

Club Newsletter: Ron and Mary Poe are starting to get the next issue of the Chain Gang put together.

Club Checking Account: Do we need a second person with access to the checking account for times when the treasurer isn't available? One suggestion would be allowing the president to also have the ability to sign club checks.

Heatstoke 100: Steve Clements set a progress report handout of the ride planning as well as a list of things that still need to be done.

Randy Smith passed around a map of the route containing sixteen possible locations for safety signs. After the board studied the map we were able to locate the then most critical spots. Placing them in those locations will prevent us from having to order more signs before the ride. He is also going to inventory the directional signs and see what we need to replace.

Mary Poe will talk to Mary Grewe about ordering t-shirts. She will also pick up the shirts where they come in and transport them to the ride start.

Chris Blackstock will be driving the truck of sag supplies to the SAC Museum. He will also contact Jim Carver at the Bike Rack about getting mechanical assistance for the ride.

Bob Boyce talked to the ham radio club. He also asked Mad Dads for assistance in staffing the sags.

Hal Smith is coordinating volunteers. So far not that many club members have offered assistance. Pat Bracken will resend the email asking for more help for the ride.

Pat Bracken will be notifying the Ashland Gazette as well as the sheriff's departments for the three counties the ride will encompass. Mary Poe will compose an article on the ride and send it to the Lincoln and Omaha newspapers.

Pat Bracken will contact the owner of the housing development next to the Lied Bridge. He will also take charge of planning and purchasing sag supplies.

We will need six porta potties for the event. Three will be located at the museum and one will be located at each of the following sites: the cemetery on church road, the Lied Bridge, and the agricultural research station.

After a discussion by the board we will stick with the charcoal grills for cooking the brats. Chris Blackstock will bring a steel five-gallon bucket for disposal of the ashes to the museum.

Steve Clements will do the registration list.

We need to write the ride day announcements that will appear on the back of the maps. Those announcements include cellular phone numbers, convince store locations, safety reminders, etc.

Randy Smith will place the route signs. He and Pat Bracken will be roving sags.

Steve Clements will write out a check for cash on the day of the ride and give it to Pat Bracken for starting money.

The next meeting will be August 18 at 7:00pm at Southview Christian church.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Yule.