

Great Plains Bicycling Club

April 20, 2011

Attending the meeting were Chris Blackstock, Dan, Zieg, Bob Boyce, Randy Smith, Steve Clements, Hal Smith, Eric Yule, and Mary Poe.

New Board Member: Chris Blackstock introduced Dan Zieg as a candidate to fill the board position vacated by Patrick Grewe. Steve Clements nominated Dan for the position and Hal Smith seconded it. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the April meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements reported that we have \$10,023.15 in the checking account. Approximately 90 people have preregistered for the Spring Fling. More people may be waiting to see what the weather is like the day of the ride. We have been seeing a trickle of new membership that may be from our advertising in the Great Plains Trails Network newsletter. Hal Smith had a chance to look over the books. He reported that everything appears in good order.

Web Site: Randy Smith is gradually listing rides from other organizations as they come in. He will be posting more of the club rides and education events.

Education Report: Bob Boyce reported that there are eight opportunities for the club to do cycling education through June 11. The next one will be Earth Day on April 23. Bob decided that the club will skip the Biketacular in favor of the Lincoln Children Zoo's safety day on May 21. He will send the event dates and times to Chris Blackstock so an email can be sent out to the membership to solicit volunteers for the events.

Ride of Silence: Steve Clements reported that he has our parade permit with permission to ride side by side. The police chief will ask if any of the bike patrol want to ride with us. There will be an email request sent out to the membership to solicit names of Nebraska accident victims. If anyone objects to a name being used we can remove it from the list. The signs we attached to the bicycle trailer are in the storage unit. Can we get any more advertising for the ride—such as a billboard?

Streets Alive: Randy Smith reported that on the afternoon of Sunday, September 25 the city will block off selected streets in the Woods Park neighborhood in an effort to get more people outside. There will be activities in Antelope and Woods Park as well as at Lincoln High. The Club should plan a family ride around the loop as well as have the canopy at one of the locations.

Board Shirts: Mary Grewe stopped by to drop off samples of wicking t-shirts. She and Mary Poe will be getting together to design and order shirts for the board.

Spring Fling: Hal Smith passed out the current list of volunteers for the ride. We still need help loading the truck and sagging the ride. Final volunteer assignments will be forthcoming. People helping with registration need to be at their location by 7:30am. We will need people in Eagle and Murdock earlier than that to watch supplies after the truck has dropped them off.

Mary Poe will have the preordered t-shirts marked and ready. In order to eliminate the second print run she has estimated the extra number of shirts we will need. The extras will be split between the two start points. If riders request one after we have run out and has a check already written we will refund them the cost of the shirt. We will decide what to with shirts for no-shows later.

Chris Blackstock and Bob Boyce will be getting supplies. Bob will pick up the truck Friday evening and will pick up the change for registration.

Randy Smith will get the signs from the storage unit organized. He has a map of where they will go and what direction they will face. He can put out the rout signs but wants help with the caution signs.

Randy Smith will print 250 copies of the route map. He will check printing prices at a few places. Steve Clements passed out copies of the walk-up registration form. He will tweak it slightly and have 200 copies made.

Scott Keller will be in Eagle again to offer massages to returning riders.

Chain Gang: Mary Poe asked that either Steve Clements or Bob Boyce provide the necessary information so we can get a corporate account for printing the newsletter. Steve Clements is in the process of compiling the names of members who would prefer electronic instead of printed newsletters. That would reduce our printing and mailing costs.

Jerseys: Steve Clements would like to restart the club jersey program. He wants to know if there is a way to modify the website so members can order jerseys from it. Perhaps we can set up an account with Paypal.

Due to the Ride of Silence the next meeting will be May 11 at 7:00 at 22nd and South St.

Submitted by Eric Yule