

Great Plains Bicycling Club

October 19, 2009

The meeting started at 7:00pm. Present were Bob Boyce, Steve Clements, Hal Smith, Mary and Ron Poe, Eric Yule, and Chris Blackstock.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. They were accepted with two small revisions.

Treasure's Report: Steve Clements introduced a new format for displaying club financial information. We officially had 320 riders for the Heatstroke 100. There is \$11,403.85 in the club checking account. The \$500 donation to Mad Dads has already been mailed. We would like to donate to the bike kitchen but don't know their non-profit status at this time. Also, we will not be donating to the injured Omaha bicyclist due to concerns with our own tax-exempt status.

Other Donations: The League of American Bicyclists would like additional funds for their lobbying efforts. However, the board would like our donations to be used closer to home. The board approved a \$1,000 donation to the Nebraska Trails Foundation for building the trails center. Bob Boyce proposed that the club donate \$200 to the Soutview Christian Church for use of meeting space. It was approved by the board. Hal Smith proposed that if the UNL Bicycle Racing Team has nonprofit status that we donate \$250 to them. Or, if not, find a way to donate to them through the university. It was approved by the board.

Chain Gang: Mary Poe said that a new issue of the newsletter will be published as soon as a date and time for the annual meeting are confirmed.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will take place Tuesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:30pm at the 50th and O St. Hy Vee. Randy Smith has booked Dr. John Walker to provide entertainment. Bob Boyce will set the menu. The cost will be \$7 per person. RSVPs are due by November 8th.

Holiday Party: The club's holiday party will take place Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 at the Southwood Clubhouse. Tina's will be catering and there will be no cost to club members for the meal. There will be a voluntary cycling-related gift exchange with a \$15 limit. The club will provide soft drinks but participants are allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages. RSVPs are due by November 29th.

Education Report: Bob Boyce reported that we have seen 2,200 kids and parents at the booth so far this year. There are events coming up for Mickle Middle School and Southeast Community College.

Perspective 2012 Board: All of the officers present at the meeting offered to serve on the board for the upcoming year. Steve Lauck will not continue to be on the board. Bob Boyce will talk to Chris Hilton and Di White; and Chris Blackstock will talk to Dan Zieg about whether they want to serve on the board next year.

Facebook: The club currently has 130 members on its Facebook page. It had provided a great resource for spur-of-the-moment rides this season.

Heatstroke 100 Help: Pat Bracken approached the board offering the services of the Lincoln Rotary Club for help sag the ride for a donation of \$1,000. Steve Clements is going to approach the state Boy and Girls Scout Councils to see if we can get any groups to help for a donation. Can we approach Lincoln Public School to find students looking to fulfill their Community Involvement hours by helping with the ride? Chris Blackstock wanted to know if we can get a food sponsor for the ride. An additional thank you for volunteers was discussed.

Club Bylaws: The board will hold off officially changing the club bylaws on the date of the annual meeting and yearly membership until after we get some advice.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting taking place Tuesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:30pm at the 50th and O St. Hy Vee.