

Great Plains Bicycling Club

July Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2013

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22nd and South Streets, beginning at 7:20 PM..

Present: Hal Smith, Dick Draper, Mary Poe, Chris Blackstock, Steve Clements, Bob Boyce, Pat Bracken, Randy Smith, and Rick Dockhorn.

The minutes from the June meeting were not available.

The Treasurer's report was approved. The current checking account balance is \$6,131.09. Income from memberships is up about \$1,100 compared to the same date last year. Currently 59 past members have not renewed for this year.

Flag Banners

In an e-mail discussion between this meeting and the last, the Board approved the purchase of three large flag banners with the club name and logo to be used at events. The purchase price for the three was \$752. The banners have been received and one was shown by Hal.

TrailTrek

Steve Clements reported that the club SAG for TrailTrek went well, and the roving SAG volunteers were appreciated.

Education Report

Bob Boyce had a booth at several events last week, and contacted about 180 kids and parents. The Energy festival in Fallbrook is coming up this weekend.

Ride Schedule

Pat Bracken has e-mailed a request for club rides for August and September. Some rides have been proposed, but there are lots of openings available.

Firecracker 50

The ride drew 116 registrants. The weather was fair but a strong wind out of the south made the ride back to Seward a challenge. Randy filled in for Steve at registration. Bob Boyce and Dick Draper felt that there was a higher than usual proportion of female riders compared to most public rides. The portapotty was placed on the west side of the church at the start rather than at the SAG stop; Randy and many of the riders were not aware it was there. The Seward organizers were supposed to arrange for the church at the start to be open for restroom use, but it was locked at the start. It was opened later in the morning.
left over from the original order.

Heatstroke 100

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to planning for the Heatstroke 100.

Bob Boyce has arranged for Ham Radio Support. Bob will also contact the county sheriffs and prepare a newspaper article. Mary Poe has gotten word that no county road construction will be going on, and there is also no state road construction on the route. Mary has picked out a lime green color for a wicking T-shirt and will place the order.

Hal Smith will plan volunteer assignments, obtain cell numbers, and notify volunteers. Rick Dockhorn will contact Jim Carveth to arrange mechanical support from Bike Rack. Chris Blackstock will arrange for and drive the rental truck and plan and purchase SAG supplies.

Randy Smith located five candidates for a new SAG location on Church Rd. The board agreed on a location on the north shoulder just west of the intersection with 298th Street, where there is a wide grassy county right-of-way. Randy will contact the county for permission to set up a SAG at this location. He will also update the route map and plan signage. Pat Bracken and Steve Clements volunteered to help place route signs the day before the ride. Steve will also handle advance registration and prepare registration materials.

Heatstroke Jersey

A mockup illustration for the new Heatstroke jersey design is complete and has been mailed out with the Heatstroke brochures. Steve expects to again use Champion Systems for production. Several other options were discussed, including Crave (in Omaha) and a company in Wisconsin that manufactures jerseys in the USA. Bob suggested starting to take orders this year at Heatstroke. Steve and Randy felt that there was not adequate time to prepare in light of the other Heatstroke preparations. The Board agreed to wait to take orders in the off-season.

Miscellaneous

For the Firecracker ride, Planet Earth water offered to donate the water instead of accepting payment, and asked to be considered as a sponsor for future events. Steve said the amount of this donation would be about \$30 per ride, which is a small donation in light of the potential advertising benefit if we place their logo on brochures, map, and at the venue. The discussion resolution was to accept the donation for Heatstroke but only place temporary signs on water jugs acknowledging the water donation.

Dick Draper opened a brief discussion of Bob Boyce's Journal Star commentary that did not support construction of a protected N Street bike lane and the accident the previous weekend that critically injured a cyclist on West O Street.

The next meeting of the GPBC Board of Directors will be Wednesday August 14 at 7:15 pm at the usual location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.