

Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting October 16, 2013

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22nd and South Streets, beginning at 7:15 PM..

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

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved. Total current assets of the club are \$12,435.96.

Club Insurance

In response to a question from Dick Draper regarding an increase in insurance costs detailed in the treasurer's report, insurance issues were discussed. The general liability policy that the club purchases through League of American Bicyclists covers only club members on normal club rides. GPBC purchases additional insurance coverage for the public rides, which covers all riders; riders are also required to sign a waiver as part of registration. In a subsequent e-mail, Steve Clements clarified that club insurance costs were higher this year because of an increase in the premium amount per member (\$2.30 per member for 2013 compared to \$1.80 per member in 2012) as well as an increase from 260 to 340 members since last year.

2013 National Bike Challenge Results

The GPBC team finished first among organizations in Lincoln and 24th nationally. Hal Smith presented a trophy to the club in recognition of these achievements. Lincoln placed first among class 1 cities (population over 200,000).

Insurance Coverage for Contents of Storage Unit

Hal Smith pointed out that there has been a series of break-ins and thefts from storage units in Lincoln. He volunteered to get a quote from an insurance agent on insurance on the approximately \$5,000 worth of club equipment. In a follow-up e-mail, Hal reported a quote from Copple Insurance Agency with annual premium of \$375-500 with a \$500 deductible. He recommended that in view of the value of the equipment and the fact that most would be less attractive to thieves, the club would be better off to forego property insurance. Bob Boyce, Steve Clements, Jane Goertzen, and Rick Dockhorn responded with e-mails endorsing that view.

Miscellaneous

Bob Boyce reported that the club canopies which were borrowed by the organizers of the Streets Alive event will be returned later in the week.

There was a brief discussion of the Bicyclincoln organization, a local bicycle advocacy group, as well as the issues they focus on, including the need for additional bicycle parking at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Upcoming Events

Bob Boyce reported that the reservation at HyVee for the annual meeting and dinner on 19 November has been confirmed. HyVee will need a head count at least 2 days before the event. A vegetarian option may be available if there is enough interest. Pat Bracken will send out an e-mail announcement and log RSVPs.

The arrangements for the Holiday Party have been confirmed: the location will be the Southwood Clubhouse at 5000 Tipperary Trail, and the event will be catered by Tina's Café. They will need a head count by the Thursday before.

The New Year's Day ride will be held January 1 at 9:00 am, with breakfast at The Village Inn on Van Dorn Ave near 48th Street and the ride to follow.

A retreat for the Board of Directors is scheduled for Saturday January 18th, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Jane Goertzen suggested the Scooters coffee shop at 84th and Van Dorn as the location.

Recruiting for the Board of Directors

Dick Draper announced that he will not continue on the GPBC board next year but is interested in volunteering for events. Mary Poe's plans are not known as she did not attend the meeting; other board members agreed to continue. It was suggested that each continuing board member should approach one likely person to recruit for the board; volunteers for public rides during the past few years provides a good starting point.

The board will ask Mary Poe if she plans to continue on the board and to co-edit the Chain Gang with Ron Poe. It was suggested that if producing the newsletter was too time-consuming, that the newsletter could be discontinued and replaced with occasional articles posted on the club web site and Facebook page.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary