

Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2013

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22nd and South Streets, beginning at 7:30 PM..

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

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved. Total current assets of the club are \$14,417.50.

Heatstroke 100 Recap

Revenue from the Heatstroke 100 was \$9,777.00; expenses paid to date were \$5,172. Donations to the SAS Museum and Lincoln Amateur Radio Club still need to be made.

Some general observations:

- 1) There were some temporary water and ice shortages at some SAGs while water jugs were being refilled at SAS Museum; we may need to start with more water from Planet Earth. Pat Bracken suggested that perhaps Planet Earth would be willing to provide a truck with water for future events.
- 2) Jane Goertzen suggested that SAGs on the longer loops provide energy bars (Cliff bars, Power bars) in addition to current SAG food.
- 3) Moving the Church Road SAG confused some riders. We should consider placing a sign at the old SAG location at the cemetery (334th Street) noting distance to the SAG.
- 4) SAG staff at the Ag Research Center do not need to be on site until later in the morning.
- 5) It was suggested that SAGs have signs with mileages to next SAG / end of loop.

The date for next year's Heatstroke 100 was set as Sunday August 24, 2014.

YMCA Triathlon - Jane

The triathlon was held September 15 at Branched Oak Lake. Seven club members volunteered to assist with the cycling portion of the event (2 laps around the lake) between 7:45 and 10:45 am. Two of the club's caution signs were used along the route. Volunteers brought brooms and swept the pavement at the corners to remove loose gravel and had a bike pump available at each corner. Volunteers wore club vests. For future events it was suggested that the new club "feather" signs could be placed at route corners as advertising for the club, if allowed by the organizers.

Membership Cards

Responding to discussions on Facebook, Treasurer Steve Clements has revived the discount program for club members purchasing bike accessories at most bike shops in Lincoln and Omaha. Membership cards have been printed for current members for the remainder of the

current 2013 season (expiring March 1, 2014) and for the upcoming 2014 season. Steve has put together a document describing the program, its limitations, and the list of participating bike shops. He will e-mail a PDF file of this document to Randy for posting on the club website.

Equipment Loan Policy

A request from organizers of the Streets Alive event to borrow 5 canopies from GPBC spurred a general discussion of whether a formal equipment loan policy should be established for the club. As further background, tables lent to Nebraskans for Peace by Bob Boyce had not been returned before Heatstroke 100, and the only record of this loan was in earlier e-mails to board members.

It was suggested that at a minimum we need a sign-out sheet to keep track of loaned equipment.

In the case of Streets Alive, the canopies would be used by the event organizers, not by individual exhibiting organizations. Questions that arose include:

- 1) Will the event organizers know how to erect and close the canopies properly to prevent damage? If they are damaged, would GPBC be compensated? Hal Smith suggested creating a standard written loan agreement stipulating the receiving organization's liability for damage.
- 2) If the canopies would be erected on pavement, how will they be secured in case of wind?
- 3) If a canopy blows over and someone is hurt, would GPBC be partially liable? (Lawyers tend to sue everyone connected.)
- 4) Should GPBC restrict loans to events attended by a board members to ensure safe use of equipment (mainly concerned with the canopies)?

Because of the lack of an existing loan policy, the board approved the canopy loan to Streets Alive. A further motion was proposed and approved: equipment henceforth shall only be loaned for events in which a board members will participate. Thus board members are authorized to borrow club equipment to support events for other civic organizations in which they participate.

Event Dates Set

The GPBC Annual Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 19th, tentatively in the meeting room at the HyVee at 50th and O Streets. The business meeting will be at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Randy has been asked to arrange entertainment.

The date for the GPBC Holiday Party was set as Tuesday Dec. 10th, tentatively at the Southwood Clubhouse. Al Wickman will be contacted to confirm venue availability and to schedule it. At past parties some participants have received no-value gag gifts, which has generated some hard feelings. It was decided that the party announcement should state a \$10-\$15 value range for gifts and stipulate no gag gifts.

Donations

Potential donations to a number of outside organizations were discussed. The following donations were approved:

GPTN (Nebraska Trails Foundation): \$500 for the N Street Bike Path and \$500 for Pioneers Park trail rehabilitation.

M.A.D. DADS: \$250

Lincoln Bike Kitchen: \$200

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club: \$200 (for event support)

Strategic Air and Space Museum: \$150 (use of parking lot for Heatstroke 100)

Southview Christian Church: \$150 (for use of meeting room)

The next meeting of the GPBC Board of Directors will be Wednesday October 16 at 7:15 pm at the usual location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary