

# **Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting July 16, 2014**

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22<sup>nd</sup> and South Streets beginning at 7:35 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Bob Boyce, Hal Smith, Chris Blackstock, Mike Berger, Jane Goertzen, Dale Arp, Steve Clements, Mary Poe, and Randy Smith. Member Pat Grewe also attended.

The minutes from the April, May, and June meetings were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The end-of-June financial summary provided by Steve Clements showed a bank balance of \$14,819.12 and total current assets of \$15,505.80. Dues have been paid for 166 individual memberships and 114 family memberships this year; both figures are significantly higher than last year at this date.

## **Heatstroke Jersey Sales**

Heatstroke jerseys sold and delivered to date total 170. Some additional members have ordered jerseys, but not yet the minimum 25 required to place a manufacturing order. An order placed now would not be delivered until after the event. Steve plans to wait until after the Heatstroke 100 to place the order, assuming that the minimum will be exceeded by then, including in-person orders at the event. That would be our final jersey order for this year.

## **Spring Fling Wrap-Up**

Donations of \$100 to Lincoln Amateur Radio Club and \$150 to Louisville Public Schools were approved by the board. Buell Trucking provided access to their parking lot for the Eagle start point. Jon LeDuc, who made this arrangement, had suggested to Steve Clements that a thank-you letter to Mr. Buell would be sufficient and that a monetary donation would not be necessary. During discussion of this point Randy Smith suggested that we offer to donate \$150 in the name of Buell Trucking to a charity of his choice. This suggestion was approved by the board.

## **Trail Trek Wrap-Up**

Hal Smith coordinated GPBC's participation in Trail Trek. He recruited 2 to 3 guide riders for each route, which was sufficient. Steve Clements manned the SAG station at Saltillo Road on the Cortland route on the Jamaica North / Homestead trails. Trail Trek provided minimal supplies (apples, bananas, and granola bars). Bug repellent was needed due to numerous mosquitoes. Because of the rain and wet conditions that morning, some Cortland riders rode on Hwy 77 instead of on the trail. Steve feels we should suggest to Trail Trek that they make that an official alternative in future years.

## **Firecracker 50 Wrap-Up**

Mike Berger worked registration for the ride (with assistance from Jane Goertzen), Bob Boyce

organized the SAG equipment and supplies, and Randy Smith assisted at the SAG stop (substituting for Richard Draper). 147 riders registered for the ride. An additional person at registration would have been helpful to cut down on the wait for riders signing the waiver sheet. The weather for the ride was cool but very windy by late morning, with the south wind making the ride back to Seward challenging. One rider completed two laps of the 50-mile course for a complete century. Jane Goertzen suggested that the main organizer for each public ride write an event report pointing out problems and suggestions for improvement, which would be useful for the ride organizers the following year.

### **Cornhusker State Games Cycling Tour**

Rick Dockhorn and other CycleWorks staff are organizing this event. Rick contacted the board via e-mail to request a loan of the club's safety signs. This request was approved via e-mail.

### **YMCA Y Blast Triathlon**

This event will be held again this year September 14 at Branched Oak Lake. The first organizational meeting was postponed until August 17. Jane will recruit volunteers to assist with the cycling portion of the event, starting with those who have helped in previous years.

### **Education and Outreach**

Bob Boyce has made contact with 1945 children and adults during 16 safety/health events so far this year. The pace of these events has slowed, but there are three coming up in July and August.

### **Website**

There was further discussion of the proposal to contract with Transformation Marketing to convert the website to the Wordpress platform. Steve Clements and Randy Smith will explore this option further after the conclusion of the current riding season.

### **Feather Banners**

Hal Smith acted on the resolution at the June meeting to order 2 feather banners in addition to the 3 already in hand, allowing us to place one banner at each of the 5 SAG stations at the Heatstroke 100. The new banners arrived but without the base stand that was ordered. Hal contacted the company, which promptly sent 2 more banners with stands, and has not requested return of the first order. Randy reported that the bungie cord was missing from one of the feather banners used at the Firecracker Ride. Bob Boyce will purchase additional cords.

### **Picnic**

Bob Boyce suggested that the club resume hosting a weekend picnic in September. Attendance has been moderate to low at the most recent events. Steve Clements indicated that energy for organizing the picnic might be low after the summer public rides. A suggested alternative was a pancake or waffle breakfast (catered) followed by a ride. This would require less organization than a potluck picnic, but would cost more money, and we might not have enough people attending to meet the minimum numbers needed. A decision was deferred until the August meeting.

### **Heatstroke 100 Planning**

Steve Clements is the lead organizer for the event, and reviewed the work assignments. Mary Poe agreed to handle the T-shirt order again this year. We may be able to use a new design from Bob Shriner. Chris Blackstock will arrange for the truck. Jane Goertzen, Chris Blackstock, and Steve Clements will plan and purchase most of the SAG supplies. Pat Grewe is interested in having high-quality grilled meats and condiments and so volunteered to purchase the meat, buns, tortillas (for the calorie-conscious), and some condiments. Randy Smith will provide Steve Clements with the map of PortaPotty locations.

**Chain Gang (Mary Poe):** The consensus of the board was to produce one Chain Gang edition this year as a wrap-up of the riding season and an invitation to the annual meeting and holiday party.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 August at Southview Christian Church.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith  
GPBC Secretary