

# **Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting March 19, 2014**

The meeting was held at the home of Rick Dockhorn, 1310 West Q Street, beginning at 7:30 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Bob Boyce, Hal Smith, Pat Bracken, Steve Clements, Mike Berger, Rick Dockhorn, Jane Goertzen, Dale Arp, Mary Poe and Randy Smith.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

President Jane Goertzen distributed copies of the club by-laws and a roster of the board members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Clements reported a current bank balance of \$14,490. Memberships for the year so far include 97 family and 133 individual memberships. Spring Fling registrations currently number 39.

Steve has investigated how the club could accept credit card payment at public rides. As a trial run, he will order two card readers that attach to smart phones and ask for volunteers to use them at Spring Fling registration for T-shirt sales only. This will test whether there is sufficient internet connectivity at the Eagle and Louisville sites and the general functionality of the technology in our context.

## **Education and Outreach (Bob Boyce)**

Bob Boyce presented the current schedule of education events through June 6<sup>th</sup>. These include five events in April, four in May, and one so far in June.

Bob also commented on two bills currently before the Nebraska Legislature. LB1071 would provide certain rights and responsibilities for operating a bicycle on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk and require the Department of Roads to establish minimum safety design criteria for planning and construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted. A person operating a bicycle on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk would have the same rights and duties as a pedestrian and would be required to yield right-of-way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal when necessary when overtaking and passing any pedestrian. LB756 would redefine bicycle to include electric-assist bicycles.

**Chain Gang (Mary Poe):** Mary is working on an upcoming issue. Bob Boyce paid for an add for MADD Dads.

**Storage Unit:** Steve Clements and several others moved the club equipment to a new, larger unit at Infinity Storage on the west side of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street (south of the Lincoln Bike Kitchen). The gate code is \*562101#. A new checkout sheet has been provided.

### **Spring Fling / Heatstroke Postcards**

Steve Clements designed large postcards to publicize Spring Fling and the Heatstroke 100. These were printed and were mailed and distributed to various venues by Steve and Jane. Several board members volunteered to take remaining cards to Polka Dot Bikes, the Bike Kitchen, and the UNL Rec Center.

### **Website**

Randy Smith reported several minor updates to the website: a Join GPBC link in the sidebar menu (requested by Steve Clements) and a link to the club Facebook page. Randy made a motion (approved by the board) that the board make a request to Scott Braly to change the settings on the Facebook page so that it can be viewed without needing to have a Facebook account.

### **GPTN Newsletter Ad**

The ad we have used for the GPTN newsletter for several years featured a low-resolution (blurry) version of the club logo. Bob Shriner has designed and submitted to the board an improved version, which the board voted to approve.

### **Club Ride Schedule**

The St. Patrick's Day ride drew 34 riders and had good weather. Four people competed in the costume contest at the One Eyed Dog Saloon in Eagle.

### **Spring Fling**

Planning for Spring Fling continues. Rick Dockhorn read through the planning checklist. The Eagle start and parking will be at the Buehl Trucking lot on the west side of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, just south of the Eagle Fire Department. Pat Bracken is working on an e-mail announcement and request for volunteers. Mary Poe will contact Wingfoot to arrange for the wicking T-shirt order. The PortaPotty order will consist of 2 at Eagle, 2 at Louisville, and 1 at Murdock.

### **Tour de Lincoln**

For the past several years GPTN has staged a series of rides exploring Lincoln's trail system. They have asked that GPBC assume leadership of these rides. The board was reluctant to formally take on this task. Instead, Pat Bracken and Dale Arp will put together descriptions of the past rides and send them out to the Ride Leaders with a request for leaders for those rides.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith  
GPBC Secretary