

Great Plains Bicycling Club
Special Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2015

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

Board Members Present: Chris Blackstock, Jane Goertzen, Steve Clements, Dale Arp, Pat Bracken, Hal Smith Max Antoine, Edie Matteson, Mike Berger, Stacy Christmann, and Randy Smith.

Jane read an anonymous letter concerning the Ride of Silence, criticizing the turnout as poor and claiming that the club members were cliquish and unfriendly. It is possible this person did not understand the concept of “silence” during the ride. The board decided no action needed to be taken.

The minutes of the April and May meetings were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Steve Clements

As of May 31, the club had \$12,953 in checking and Paypal, with \$360 owed for sales tax on jersey sales. About \$400 in jersey orders have been received since May 31. Only 7 jerseys needed to be purchased by the club (for resale) in order to fill the minimum production orders of 15 each for the GPBC yellow and black club jerseys and the Heatstroke 100 jersey. The report was approved.

Trail Trek

Hal Smith is recruiting volunteers to be ride leaders. The organizers would like 24 leaders, 6 each for 4 routes. They would also like the club to staff a SAG stop at the 84th Street MoPac East trailhead until noon, primarily for riders on the 28-mile loop around the city trails. Steve Clements volunteered for this SAG.

Firecracker Ride, 4th of July

Dale Arp is organizing the ride, and will purchase SAG supplies. Randy Smith will get the map printed, and will help Hal Smith with the SAG stop at Hwy 15 & 66.

Education and Outreach: No report; Bob Boyce was absent.

Heatstroke 100 Planning

The planning checklist and task assignments were reviewed. Steve and Chris are planning SAG supplies. Pat Bracken will recruit volunteers and contact the county sheriffs. Hal Smith will handle T-shirt design and production. Randy Smith will handle map production, and route sign and caution sign placement (with assistance from other volunteers).

Picnic: In some previous years the club has held a picnic near or at the end of the ride season, but did not do so last year. Attendance has not been great in previous years, and after the planning and activity required for the Heatstroke 100 in August, few board members are enthusiastic about planning another event. A motion was carried not to hold a club picnic in 2015.

Theme Rides:

There was a brief discussion of ideas for possible “theme” rides similar to the St. Patrick’s Day ride and some of the themed Nacho Rides. The only concrete suggestion was for a Halloween ride in October.

Dale Arp reported that city officials have contacted GPTN about plans for bike sharing in Lincoln. They are proposing 13 stations in downtown Lincoln.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday July 15 at 7:30 at the same venue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary