

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 21 September 2016**

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

Present: Mike Berger, Chris Blackstock, Bob Boyce, Rick Dockhorn, Steve Clements, Max Antoine, Edie Matteson, Pat Grewe, Jane Goertzen, and Randy Smith.

The minutes of the August meeting of the board were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Clements reported that total club assets as of 31 August were \$21,095.85, with \$20,502.82 in the checking account.

Heatstroke 100 Review

Revenues for the event were 26% lower than last year. The new photo backdrop was popular. The lens wipes that Jane provided were also popular. Motions to contribute \$150 to the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum and \$200 to the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club were approved by the board.

ByLaws Update

No progress was made in the last month. Pat Grewe requested that someone else take on this task.

Website Development

The new on-line membership card application is in the test phase; the cost for this application will be \$300 to \$400. The club has spent \$855 on other website developments this year.

Tour de Lincoln Bike Art Rehabilitation

Recapping the discussion in August, the club is considering possible contributions to rehabilitate one or two of the art bicycles: *Hitting the Trails* (in Antelope Park) and *Cruisin* (at 11th and P Streets). Total rehabilitation cost for each is around \$2000. Pat Grewe expressed the opinion that the project was more art-related than bicycle-related and thus the club should not contribute. Others suggested that club support would contribute toward Lincoln's status as a bike-friendly city. It was suggested that the club could sponsor an ice cream ride fundraiser in which the club would match the donations. Further discussion was deferred to a planning meeting (perhaps the January session).

Streets Alive

This year's Streets Alive event is set for Sunday September 25, 1-5 pm. GPBC is a route sponsor and will have a booth. Bob Boyce cannot attend the entire afternoon and so asked for volunteers to help with the booth. Mike Berger indicated that he could help.

Member Survey

The board continued the process of reviewing and discussing the results of the recent member survey (questions paraphrased here):

- 7) Bike shop discount program importance. There were many favorable comments.
- 8) Annual Picnic - various responses. An alternative idea was proposed by a board member: hand out free ice cream on one of the city bike trails.
- 9) Movie theater rental to show a bike-themed movie - some interest.
- 10) Involvement in legislation - many responses indicated that this activity is best conducted by other organizations.

Nebraska Sesquicentennial

Edie Matteson reported that the sesquicentennial organizers will produce a series of patches. GPBC will need to decide on additional promotional items for our events.

Last Blast Triathlon

Attendance at this event was 115 people. GPBC volunteers helped out with the cycling segment of the event. The organizers barely broke even on income and expenses. One person who did not have a water bottle was treated for a heat issue.

Date for 2017 Events

The board set the following dates for public rides in 2017:

Spring Fling: April 29th (tentatively); would like a later date but the following weekend is the Lincoln Marathon and later weekends are heavily populated with cycling events.

Firecracker Ride: July 4th (obviously)

Heatstroke 100: August 27th.

Committees

It was suggested that the board try to recruit club members to serve on Rides and Publicity Committees to share the planning load.

Annual Meeting

Per the club bylaws, the club Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 10th. The board would like to find another club member to organize the event. Rick Dockhorn suggested Doreen Bowles as the organizer.

Holiday Party

The date was set for Friday December 9th. We would like to again have Tina's Cafe cater the food and hold the event at the Southwood Clubhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Randy Smith