

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 15 February 2017**

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

Present: Pat Bracken, Pat Grewe, Chris Blackstock, Bob Boyce, John LeDuc, Doreen Bowles, Jim Krieger, Edie Matteson, Mike Berger, Max Antoine, Jane Goertzen, Rick Dockhorn, and Steve Clements (the entire board!).

The minutes of the January meeting of the board were approved with corrections to the spelling of the meeting location.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Clements reported that total club assets as of 31 January were \$15,922.20. The liability insurance premium of \$1907 for 2017 was subsequently paid on 2/10/2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Update

The board consensus was that the draft update of the club bylaws requires further discussion at a later date. Among issues identified to be discussed was the number of votes to allow for a family membership (currently set at 1 vote).

Spring Fling

1) The board agreed to maintain the same route as last year. Pat Bracken had suggested via e-mail to modify the eastern portion by creating a loop including Hwy 50 and Church Road to provide some variety.

2) There was a discussion on resuming printing a SF brochure. No brochure was printed last year, and there was no falloff in attendance. With on-line registration now available, Steve Clements stated that he does not want to encourage mail-in registrations (via brochure) that require manual processing. It was pointed out that in previous years brochures were distributed to about thirty locations including Omaha bike shops and locations in other towns, not just in Lincoln; this required a lot of time by board members. The board decided instead to create posters that could be displayed in bike shops. John LeDuc volunteered to ask his daughter, who has graphics experience, if she would volunteer to design the poster.

3) Mike Berger asked if T-shirts should be produced for Spring Fling this year. No one spoke up in favor or to volunteer to coordinate. Edie Matteson suggested that she could design a club sock that could be sold at Spring Fling. Steve Clements suggested contacting Crave (supplier of previous club and Heatstroke jerseys) to obtain the club graphics. Other board members suggested ordering cycling caps from Hincapie; Rick Dockhorn has previous experience with caps at CycleWorks, and volunteered to look into this option. He indicated that caps could likely be available by the date of Spring Fling. The board approved a motion to order 200 caps for sale at Spring Fling and as an on-line option for registration at Heatstroke.

4) The board discussed changing the ride registration fee; it was decided not to increase the fees for Spring Fling this year.

Heatstroke 100

There was a brief discussion of possible routes for this year's ride. Steve Clements had suggested via e-mail that holding the ride between Lincoln and Omaha had benefitted attendance. Pat Grewe noted that at the January meeting the board had voted to move the ride closer to Lincoln, and suggested that the route committee set up in January should consider possible routes and propose a route to the board.

Eclipse Ride (August 21)

Jim Krieger reported that the Great Plains Trails Network has preliminary plans to hold some sort of event in conjunction with the solar eclipse, though the nature of the event has not been defined. Jim suggested that GPBC could collaborate with GPTN on an event or ride.

Ride Committee and Club Rides

Pat Grewe is in charge of coordinating club rides in March/April, John LeDuc for May/June, and Pat Bracken for June/July. Thirteen ride leaders have been recruited, and several club rides have been scheduled.

Pat Grewe reported that Scott Braly has volunteered to organize and lead the St. Patrick's Day Ride on March 18th. He proposes a ride on the MoPac East trail (11 am start) from 84th Street to Bailey's Local in Eagle (for lunch and activities). He proposes a poker run with cards handed out at various locations, with the best hand winning a prize. Scott also proposed a "sexiest costume" contest; the board vetoed that suggestion, and suggested a "best costume" contest instead. Scott requested a \$150 budget for prizes; the board approved \$75.

At Jim Krieger's suggestion, the Ride Committee will consider reviving weekly "Show-n-Go" rides.

Member Survey

Pat Bracken reported that the survey summary results have been posted on the club website, and members have been informed by e-mail.

Equipment Updates and Repairs

Chris Blackstock is working on maintenance and replacement of equipment as discussed at the January retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Dues

Board members have previously expressed the opinion that club dues are too low. Since about thirty members have already renewed memberships, it is too late to adjust dues for this year. A motion was made to raise single and family memberships for 2018 by \$5 each; this motion was withdrawn. A motion to set dues for 2018 at \$20 single and \$30 family was approved.

Nebraska Bike/Walk Summit

Pat Bracken reported that the summit will be held in Lincoln March 23rd and 24th (Thurs-Fri) in

Lincoln at the Embassy Suites, sponsored by the Nebraska Bicycling Alliance. Registration ranges from \$65-\$90. Edie Matteson plans to attend; a motion to reimburse her for the registration fee was approved.

Nebraska 150 Challenge

Jim Krieger has registered GPBC as a “group” on the challenge site, which allows the club to list eligible events there. Individual club members will need to log their own miles on the site; if they identify as a club member, their miles will also be credited to the club. The board discussed becoming a “sponsor”, which would require a contribution of at least \$500. The board declined, as there would be little tangible return for this contribution.

Different Member/Nonmember Preregistration Fees for Rides; Website Development

Pat Bracken suggested implementing a preregistration fee differential for Heatstroke 2017, providing members with a lower preregistration fee. This would require some web design and programming to verify current membership when folks register for the ride on the club website. Steve Clements also requested approval of programming to differentiate members and nonmembers in the post-ride reports generated from the on-line registrations.

Quotes for the website development fees were as follows:

\$475 for programming to support different member/nonmember registration and verification
\$95 to revise the upload forms for event-day registrations to insure that entered data is transmitted
\$27.50 to differentiate members and nonmembers in the ride reports (Excel spreadsheets). A motion to approve up to \$600 for website development costs was approved to cover these items.

Steve Clements discussed an additional quote of \$570 to develop a more sophisticated ride participation list, but did not advocate for this expenditure. No action was taken on this item.

Trail Trek

Edie Matteson did not attend the last Trail Trek committee meeting and thus had nothing to report.

Club Insurance

Steve Clements reported that he did not pay an additional expensive premium for club ride insurance that would have covered off-road mountain bike rides. Pat Grewe stated that the club needs clarification from the insurance company to determine if rides on groomed trails (including trails in Wilderness Park) and gravel roads are covered by our current club ride insurance (without the additional mountain biking activity endorsement) or would be excluded.

Refreshment Volunteers at Upcoming Meetings

March: Randy Smith	May: Jane Goertzen	July: Chris Blackstock	September: Edie Matteson
April: Jim Krieger	June: ?	August: Mike Berger	October: Rick Dockhorn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith