

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Retreat
Sunday 17 January 2017**

The meeting was held at Scooter's Coffe, 2901South 84th Street, starting at 2:00 pm.

Present: Steve Clements, Chris Blackstock, John LeDuc, Jim Krieger, Pat Bracken, Mike Berger, Bob Boyce, Pat Grewe, Scott Braly, Max Antoine, Rick Dockhorn, Edie Matteson, Doreen Bowles, and guest Courtney Weeda.

The minutes of the October meeting of the board were approved with corrections to the section on Ride Leaders as requested by Pat Bracken.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Clements reported that total club assets as of 31 December were \$17,142.09, with a checking account balance of \$16,506.28. Mike Berger and Pat Bracken reported that they met with Steve Clements on Monday January 16, 2017 and reviewed the balance sheet, general ledger, and supporting documentation. The audit found the financial records of the club for the calendar year 2016 to be sufficiently detailed, accurate, and in conformity with acceptable accounting principles.

Christmas/Holiday Party Proposal

Club member Scott Braly presented a proposal for a change of venue for the 2017 Holiday Party due to the lower attendance of the 2016 event. Scott presented information on Old Chicago in the Haymarket, which has an upstairs private room that can be reserved with no rental charge, but with a \$300 minimum charge for food and 2 drink tickets per participant. Scott and Courtney outlined a series of possible games and activities for the event, and suggested that local bike shops could be approached to provide donations for door prizes. At the suggestion of several board members, Scott agreed to investigate other possible venues outside of the Haymarket that would have free parking. A motion was made and approved by the board to approve the general plan for a revamped Holiday Party, with site and details to be approved at a later time.

A suggestion was made to consider combining the annual meeting/dinner and the holiday party. This suggestion was tabled.

Election of Officers

All of the 2016 club officers agreed to be nominated for 2017, and all were unopposed in unanimous re-election to their positions. The GPBC officers for 2017 are:

<u>President:</u>	Mike Berger
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Edie Matteson
<u>Associate Vice-President for Education:</u>	Bob Boyce
<u>Secretary:</u>	Randy Smith
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Steve Clements

Review of Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

The Annual Meeting ran smoothly, but attendance was down, and there were a number of people who reserved spots and then did not attend. The consensus of the board is that it is time to

consider a different venue and/or format for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Bob Boyce suggested that the Board should send a letter to Al Wickman for reserving and allowing the club to use the Southwood Clubroom for the Holiday Party in 2016 and previous years. Mike Berger agreed to draft such a letter.

ByLaws Revision

Attorney Jerry Pigsley has reviewed the club ByLaws at Mike Berger's request and suggested a number of revisions. Draft revisions and corrections were still underway at the time of the Retreat. The current ByLaws provide for the number of directors to be set by the membership at its annual meeting. Because of this provision, a revision previously discussed by the Board to allow the Board to set the number of directors will require a vote of the membership (two-thirds of the votes cast or a majority of the voting power, whichever is less). The consensus of the Board was to call for a vote of members at the March meeting of the Board of Directors.

Member Survey

Pat Bracken has created a summary of the responses to the questions on the 2016 membership survey. The summary PDF file will be posted on the club website by Randy.

Nebraska 150

Edie Matteson passed around a sample of biking socks with the club logo and the NE 150 logo that are proposed as a prize for completing the club's 150-mile challenge for 2017. The web company that produces the socks requires 5 weeks for processing an order, with minimum order of 120 at a cost of \$5 per pair. Under the Nebraska 150 rules, the club could also sell the socks (with NE 150 logo) as long as no profit was realized on the sales. Steve Clements made a motion to authorize up to \$700 for an initial order of socks with order detail at Edie's discretion; this motion was approved by the Board.

Jim Krieger has been investigating the Nebraska 150 website, and will research whether mileage logs by club members on the website could be accessed by GPBC.

Spring Fling

A number of club Facebook group members have suggested holding Spring Fling after May 1 so that rider mileage for the event would be included in the National Bike Challenge. Previous discussion had centered on Saturday May 6 (the day before the Lincoln Marathon) and Saturday May 13 (which coincides with the 2017 Wear Yellow Ride). Most Board members wanted to avoid a conflict with the Wear Yellow Ride, and some wished to keep the previously approved date of April 29 to avoid conflicts for club members volunteering for activities on Marathon Weekend. A motion to hold Spring Fling on Saturday May 6, 2017 was approved by a majority of board members.

Heatstroke 100 (27 August 2017)

The Strategic Air Command and Space Museum has declined to allow GPBC to use the museum parking lot as a start/end point for the Heatstroke 100 under the previous terms. Pat Grewe stated his belief that the existing route has also grown stale, citing declining participation the last few years. The board discussed at length a proposal by Pat Grewe for a new set of routes starting and ending at Sesostriis Shrine, on the north side of Saltillo Road just west of Highway 77. The routes west and south of this point would include Cortland, Clatonia, Wilber, Dorchester, Milford, and

Crete. Fallbrook was discussed as another possible start/end points for Heatstroke. A motion to adopt a new Heatstroke route closer Lincoln was approved by the Board. A committee consisting of Pat Grewe, Pat Bracken, Randy Smith, and Rick Dockhorn will work on establishing new routes for the event.

Solar Eclipse Ride

Lincoln lies on the north edge of the path of totality of the solar eclipse on Monday 21 August 2017. Beatrice lies almost on the center line of the swath of totality. The time of totality will be around 1:00 pm. Board members discussed a number of suggestions for a club ride surrounding the event. The board consensus was to hold an informal ride with no SAG support. A ride south on the Homestead Trail and/or Hwy 77 toward the center of totality seemed to be the best option. The starting point could be at Saltillo Road, Roca, Pickerell, or Cortland. Jim Krieger agreed to work on details.

Club Rides - Ride Committee

The Board discussed ways to increase the number of scheduled club rides, which have been largely supplanted in recent years by rides organized at short notice on Facebook. Pat Bracken suggested that a committee with 2 to 3 members be formed to recruit and orient club ride leaders, including tapping into the club Facebook group. Pat Bracken, Pat Grewe, and John LeDuc volunteered for this committee.

Education Budget

A motion to provide \$1500 for bicycle education events in 2017 was approved by the Board. Edie Matteson pointed out that UNL smart cycling classes are offered in the Spring and Fall, open to those outside of the University. The Board may consider organizing groups to attend dedicated sessions of these classes, or simply publicizing the classes to the membership.

Equipment Updates

Chris Blackstock reported that the club charcoal grills are in disrepair, as well as having the issue of ash disposal after use. Chris suggested purchasing smaller propane grills. Propane tanks are not allowed in the club storage unit but could be stored by a club member. Several canopy cases are also torn and need to be replaced. A motion to allocate up to \$1,000 for equipment maintenance needs was approved by the Board.

Hub Cafe

Steve Clements passed along reports that the Hub Cafe at the Jane Snyder Trails Center is looking for ways to increase revenue. Board members proposed that some club rides could be set to start/end at the Cafe to encourage patronage by riders.

Donations

In past years the club donated \$150 per year to Southview Church for use of their meeting room, but no donation was made in 2016. A motion to contribute \$150 for 2016 was approved. An additional motion to contribute \$200 to the church for 2017 was also approved. Randy requested that other possible donations, e.g. to Madd Dads, be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith