

# Great Plains Bicycling Club

## July 15, 2009

The meeting started at 7:30pm. Present were Hal Smith, Pat Bracken, Randy Smith, Eric Yule, Steve Clements, Di Fowler, and Bob Boyce.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the June meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. They were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Clements reported that we have \$12,497.31 in the checking account. There are approximately 200 units of membership at this time.

**Trail Trek:** Mary Poe reported that they had about 56 riders stop by the Eagle sag. Randy Smith reported that there was a bit of confusion at the start of the day but we had approximately 30 kids stop by the booth. We also had two membership renewals as well.

**Firecracker Ride:** Steve Clements reported that there weren't any problems. We had between 55 and 60 riders for the event. The number was down possibly because we relied solely on emailing our members and didn't distribute flyers this year. Next year we need to have the same registration and start time as the one the Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee publishes.

**Nacho Ride:** This weekly ride has become fairly successful with an average of 70 riders the last two weeks. The event now includes a drawing for a gift certificate to a local bike shop. The last official ride for the year will be August 25. After that getting back from Eagle before dark becomes a concern.

**Ride Schedule:** Pat Bracken passed around a list of the open dates for August/September rides.

**Website:** Randy Smith reported that he hopes to have the new website up soon. He would like to get feedback from the board before it goes live. A possible addition to the website is a place for displaying club photographs.

**Heatstroke 100:** Steve Clements reported that about 1,600 brochures have been sent out. We have already received \$170.00 in registration fees. Steve called the Bike Rack to see if they will provide mechanical support. He will also contact the NRD about the Lied Bridge and with Ross (?) about the gates the village. We have approval from the SAC Museum to use their parking lots for the ride. The department of roads has seen our route and doesn't think that there will be any construction along the route. Bob Boyce has contacted the ham radio club for volunteers and will contact Mad Dads as well. Di Fowler will check to see if the event would count for Junior/Senior volunteer hours. Someone will be contacting the Venture Scouts. Pat Bracken will double check on the truck. He will also contact the sheriff departments of Saunders, Cass and Sarp counties to inform them of the ride. Hal Smith will contact Mary Grewe to see if she will order t-shirts again. We still need to order porta-potties as well as purchase additional tables and canopies.

The next meeting will be 7:30, August 19, 2009 at Highlands Animal hospital.

Respectively submitted by Eric Yule.