

# Great Plains Bicycling Club

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*March 16, 2011*

Present were Bob Boyce, Steve Clements, Eric Yule, Hal Smith, Steve Lauck, Chris Blackstock, Di White, Chris Hilton, Randy Smith, and Ron and Mary Poe.

**Feb. Minutes:** Minutes from the February meeting were taken by Patrick Grewe. Hopefully they will be forthcoming at a later date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Clements reported that we have \$8,743.63 in the checking account. He and Hal Smith will be auditing the account soon.

**Board Position:** Di White and Hal Smith nominated Chris Blackstock to fill the vacated ride director position. The nomination was approved by the board. The club is also in search of a new board member.

**Website:** Randy Smith has the current ride list and the Spring Fling flyer up on the website. He also fixed all the errors he was aware of.

**Helmet Sign:** Bob Brown emailed Bob Boyce to suggest that the club look at the "Where's Your Helmet" sign posted by the People's Health Center near the 27<sup>th</sup> and Vine trail overpass. Di White will contact the center to find out the cost of the sign and any regulations for having one installed. One suggested place would be the Mopac trailhead at 84<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Ride Schedule:** Di White will take the April 2 ride. Chris Blackstock will send out an email message to the membership looking for more ride leaders.

**Ride of Silence:** Steve Clements reported that we have our parade permit. However, the permit request that we follow all cycling rules including riding single file. Steve objected to that portion of the permit so it has gone back to the city to see if we can change it to only using one traffic lane. The police chief may agree to give us an escort if we get a parade permit. Bob Boyce would like participants to come up

with a list of names of people that they are riding for. What promotional materials does the Ride of Silence web site have for ride organizers?

**Bike Education:** Bob Boyce listed several events around town during the upcoming months where the club can promote cycling safety. He is looking for volunteers to help staff those events.

**Spring Fling:** Bob Boyce passed out a checklist for the ride. Randy Smith passed out a list of locations to distribute the ride brochures he brought. Board members will distribute the brochures to locations in Lincoln and Omaha. Chris Blackstock will contact the Bike Rack about getting a mechanic. Chris Hilton will order three porta-potties for the ride. Randy Smith will plan the signage for the route. Bob Boyce has already spoken to the ham radio club. He will find out about borrowing the truck. Mary Poe will coordinate t-shirt design with Mary Grewe and Chris Blackstock's wife. Steve Clements proposed that we look into the moisture wicking shirts. Since we have already set the prices for this year, we will skip that and look into it for the Heatstroke 100. Hal Smith will assemble the volunteer list for the ride. Steve Clements will send out an email asking for volunteers. Bob Boyce will send a note to the Cass County sheriff and the local newspapers.

**State Games:** Hal Smith proposed that we see if there is enough interest in renting a van for the Cornhusker State games cycling tour. The van would be used for bringing people back from Grand Island after the century ride.

**No Drop Policy:** There were two couples who contacted Bob Boyce last year about being dropped during club rides. We have this discussion at least once per year. Trying not to drop anyone slows down the front end down and frustrates the faster riders. Suggestions include having ride leaders advertise the rides speed and giving slow cyclists their cell phone number in case of emergency.

**Insurance Policy:** There was a discussion whether the League of American Bicyclists' insurance policy covers willful and neglect behavior lawsuits. Nonprofits have certain protection against that type of case, but does it cover us? Steve Clements will contact the League and find out more about the liability policy.

The next meeting will be 7:00, April 20, 2011 at 22<sup>nd</sup> and South Street.

Submitted by Eric Yule