

Great Plains Bicycling Club

September 21, 2011

The meeting started at 7:00pm. Present were Bob Boyce, Chris Blackstock, Mary Poe, Steve Lauck, Eric Yule, and Hal Smith.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. They were edited to reflect the changes submitted by Bob Boyce and Mary Poe.

Chain Gang: Mary Poe reported that there will be a new issue of the newsletter in mid to late October. She would like article submissions. There will be an article on the bike kitchen.

Education Report: Bob Boyce reported that 1,800 kids and parents have stopped by the booth so far this year. He currently has three more events scheduled including Streets Alive and the Lincoln Sustainability Festival.

Ride Director: Chris Blackstock reported that other than the show and go rides there really isn't much on the schedule other than the Make a Wish ride.

Heatstroke 100: We need to find ways to make the ride more fun for the participants. Is the event large enough to require riders to wear wristbands? We also need to find more volunteers to help with the promotion and day of the event—perhaps having shifts to prevent burnout. Can we come up with a better thank you for volunteers than a ride t-shirt? One suggestion was an appreciation dinner. It also needs to be made clear to board members that they are expected to help with this ride in some fashion.

We will need to abandon the cemetery on Church Road as a sag stop for at least a year. Neglecting to ask permission to use that location has resulted in hard feelings among some people who live in that area. The board approved the letter of apology written by Steve Clements to the Emmanuel Cemetery Committee. In addition, the board approved a donation of \$100 to them with a note that the payment is a common practice for organizations that assist the ride and not a pay off. The board also approved similar donations to the SAC Museum and the ham radio club.

A few riders ended up with t-shirts out of the extra pile instead of the ones bagged for them. If Mary Poe does the shirts again next year she would like to be the one to hand them out—possible at a different table than registration.

Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting will take place November 16. Bob Boyce will contact the Hy Vee at 50th and O St. to see if we can reserve the date and what our menu choices would be. Bob will also ask Randy Smith to look into entertainment for the event. Hal Smith proposed that we donate \$500 to Mad Dads at the event. The proposal passed. We will make final plans at the next meeting.

Holiday Party: Hal Smith will contact Al Wickman to see if we can use the clubhouse again. Depending on what Al says, the party will be sometime between December 5th and 9th. We will see if we can get Tina's to cater again. There will be an optional gift exchange of a cycling related present up to \$15 in value.

Church Donation: Chris Blackstock proposed that we discuss making a donation to the church for the use of meeting space.

Board Members: Names suggested for next year's board include John Currin and Scott Bradley. Names of potential board members will be taken in advance of the annual meeting. Mary Poe suggested that potential board members realize the responsibilities and obligations of being on the board. She and Bob Boyce will get together and write something explaining them.

Membership Terms: Bob Boyce suggested to Steve Clements that the people who paid their club dues at the Heatstroke ride have memberships that carry over into the next year. This would go against the bylaws of the club. At the annual meeting we will be voting on amending the bylaws to allow for this as well as to change the date of the annual meeting.

Injured Cyclist: Hal Smith had an email about a veterinarian cyclist in Omaha who was clipped by a car. She will be out of work for six months and the driver who hit her had minimal insurance. He proposed that the club send her a donation but abstained from the vote. The board voted to send her \$100.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2011 at 7:00pm at 22 and South Street.