

Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting August 19, 2015

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

Board Members Present: Edie Mattteson, Jane Goertzen, Steve Clements, Pat Grewe, Chris Blackstock, Dale Arp, Rick Dockhorn, Mike Berger, Max Antoine, Pat Bracken, Hal Smith, and Randy Smith.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved pending correction of the July meeting date.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements

As of July 31, the club had \$15,721.89 in assets. 211 people are registered for the Heatstroke 100 so far. Heatstroke T-shirts are in production. The report was approved.

Heatstroke 100 Planning

All needed preparations are underway. The ownership of Planet Earth water has changed and they no longer provide containers. Steve Clements is exploring other sources for water including Norland Pure and Culligan. Steve has also posted the route on mapmyride. The number of portapotties needed at the south-side Lied Bridge SAG was discussed; it was decided that only 1 will be needed.

Education and Outreach: Bob Boyce is looking for someone to staff the club booth for the Streets Alive event on Sunday 20 September. Dale Arp will be there with the GPTN booth and proposed having a combined GPTN - GPBC booth.

YMCA Last Blast Triathlon - September 20

Jane Goertzen is hoping to recruit 10 volunteers for the bike leg of the event at Branched Oak Lake. She has contacted those who helped last year. If more are needed a request will be posted on the club Facebook page.

Lodging Request: Pat Grewe

A cyclist doing a cross-country ride will be attending a Lincoln South Rotary event and is looking for lodging in Lincoln. After discussion, it was decided that Pat should post a request on the club Facebook page.

Website:

Steve Clements asked Randy to fix broken links on the Membership and Contact pages to the downloadable memberships form (PDF file).

Ride of Silence Initiative

Chris Phelan, one of the original organizers of the Ride of Silence, has sent out an

announcement of a proposed national media campaign by Ride of Silence to tell stories of cyclists killed in car-bicycle accidents and to ask the question “Why aren’t these motorists held accountable?”. Their board is soliciting opinions about this idea. Members of the GPBC board expressed concerns about the appropriateness of this approach, fearing that a focus on punishment would exacerbate tensions between motorists and cyclists. The board decided to table discussion of a response to the next meeting.

There was also a discussion of recent public statements about Lincoln ordinances indicating that cyclists in a crosswalk are required to walk their bicycles. Some board members expressed the opinion that the city code is ambiguous, while others disagreed.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday September 16 at 7:30 pm at the same venue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary