

# **Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting January 21, 2015**

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22<sup>nd</sup> and South Streets beginning at 7:05 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Jane Goertzen, Steve Clements, Hal Smith, Pat Grewe, Chris Blackstock, Rick Dockhorn, Dale Arp, Mike Berger, Stacy Christmann, and Randy Smith.

Minutes of the October and November meetings were approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Clements

The checking account balance as of January 21 is \$9,521, and there is \$1,893 in the Paypal account. Transformation Marketing has been paid \$1600 for website conversion to WordPress and to begin implementation of a membership and transaction database. Jersey sales have function smoothly in the new website.

**President's Report:** Jane Goertzen reviewed contact information for board members and requested updates.

## **Election of Officers for 2015**

The following board officers and positions were elected or confirmed:

President: Jane Goertzen

Vice President: Rick Dockhorn

Vice President (pending acceptance) and Education/Outreach Coordinator: Bob Boyce

Treasurer: Steve Clements

Secretary: Randy Smith

Ride Director: Pat Bracken

Webmaster: Randy Smith

Steve Clements proposed that the board recruit someone with accounting or bookkeeping experience to serve as co-treasurer to learn the treasurer duties and fill in as needed. This person would fill the open board position vacated by Mary Poe.

## **LB39**

LB39 under consideration by the Nebraska Legislature, would increase safe-distance requirements for drivers passing a bicycle. Steve Clements testified in support of the bill before the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Steve reports that rural senators on the committee are getting negative feedback from their constituents.

## **Coordinators for 2015 Events**

St. Patrick's Day Ride: Scott Braly?

Spring Fling: Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, with April 18<sup>th</sup> as alternate. Rick Dockhorn.

Ride of Silence: Wednesday May 20, Dale Arp  
Trail Trek SAG: Hal Smith  
Firecracker SAG: Mike Berger, Bob Boyce (tentative)  
Heatstroke 100: August 30<sup>th</sup>, Dale Arp, Steve Clements, Stacy Christmann.  
YMCA Triathlon: Jane Goertzen

### **N Street Bikeway**

Dale Arp reported that the city has received 5 bids for the bikeway constructions, but the costs are still higher than expected. GPTN and the Mayor's staff do not want to cut costs by eliminating planned landscaping and other amenities. Nineteen funding sources have been identified, and the Aspen student housing development has proposed expanding its development area to allow it to contribute TIF funds to the bikeway. The current plan is to build the bikeway in two sections west (first) and east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Standing Bear Symposium Event**

"Standing Bear Trail" is under consideration as the name for the new trail south of Beatrice. An owner for the trail may be named soon, and money has been raised for construction and 15 years of maintenance. A symposium on Standing Bear is planned at UNL in May. In future years the organizers would like to stage a road ride in south central Nebraska that loosely follows Standing Bear's route of return from Oklahoma to northeast Nebraska. For this year GPTN is proposing a short bike ride on Lincoln trails (5-6 miles), starting and ending at the Pinnacle Bank Arena, with stops along the way for discussion of various topics related to cycling and trails. Possible dates are May 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> or the Wednesday in between.

### **Jersey Sales**

Postcards announcing the jersey sales and the 2015 public rides have been mailed. Sales of jerseys has been slow. As of the meeting, 8 yellow and 6 blue club jerseys have been ordered, and no Heatstroke jerseys. The board passed a motion that if the minimum 25 orders of each color club jersey are not received by January 31, the club will order sufficient additional jerseys to allow placing a production order for each color of club jersey, to be sold at this year's events.

### **Website Conversion**

The Wordpress version of the club website is live. Steve Clements, Pat Grewe, and Randy Smith met with David Hefley of Transformation Marketing for initial training in administering the site.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The board agreed to continue holding monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at Southview Church (except when pending events require an earlier date). The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith  
GPBC Secretary