

Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2015

The meeting was held at Southview Christian Church, 22nd and South Streets beginning at 7:35 pm.

Board Members Present: Jane Goertzen, Steve Clements, Pat Bracken, Chris Blackstock, Dale Arp, Mike Berger, Stacy Christmann, Hal Smith, Pat Grewe, and Randy Smith. Also attending were prospective board members Max Antoine and Edie Matteson.

Bob Boyce accepted (belatedly) an award from the club for his outstanding service representing Great Plains Bicycling Club at numerous events educating children and families about bicycle safety.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved with correction to the spelling of Scott Braly's name.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements

The checking account balance as of March 18 is \$12,603.14, and the PayPal account has \$866.27. The balance due on the order of jerseys is \$1,935. Memberships currently stand at between 300 and 400, with 67 individual and 40 family membership renewals still outstanding. The treasurer's report was approved.

Stacy Christmann suggested that it might be possible to set up automatic membership renewals on-line. There was also a discussion of possible ways of handling membership renewals at Spring Fling registration.

Next Jersey Order Deadline: 27 May 2015

Education and Outreach: Bob Boyce accepted the post of Vice President and Educational Outreach Coordinator. Bob has currently signed up for a dozen events through August.

St. Patrick's Day Ride recap: 41 people attended the ride to Eagle led by Scott Braly, most riding on Hwy 34 and a few on the MoPac Trail. A costume contest and trivia contest were held during lunch at the One Eyed Dog Saloon in Eagle.

Spring Fling Planning

Mike Berger distributed a list of current volunteer assignments for Spring Fling. Most needed tasks have been covered. WingFoot provided several new design ideas for the T-shirt, which Dale Arp presented. The board voted to use one of these new designs instead of the previous design.

Ride of Silence Planning

The Ride of Silence will be Wednesday evening, May 20th. Hal Smith will register the club's ride on the Ride of Silence website. Hal and Dale Arp will confer on ideas for a new route for the ride that would have more of a public impact than the previous route downtown.

Miscellaneous Events Pending

Cortland Day Parade, June 27, 4:00 pm. The organizers expressed an interest in getting cyclists involved with this event, but have still not formulated a specific request (a club ride to Cortland? Cyclists participating in the parade?).

Steve received a video on DVD from organizers of the new Embrace the Hills Ride in September in northwest Iowa.

Firecracker 50:

Dale Arp volunteered to coordinate but will not be able to attend the ride. Randy volunteered to work the SAG stop.

Website Conversion and E-mail

Randy Smith and Steve Clements discussed the current status. Randy has requested several modifications in how ride and other club events are processed and presented, which have been implemented. Steve is still working with David Hefley of Transformation Marketing to improve the database reporting and automation. Rick Dockhorn has used Constant Contact to send out notice of Spring Fling.

Proposed Donation of Bike Locks to LPD

Lincoln Police Dept plans to solicit donations of bike locks to distribute to children who use the Woods Park Pool, where there have been many past thefts of unlocked bikes. Randy requested that GPBC provide a donation of 10 locks at an estimated cost of \$15 each. Hal Smith moved that the club donate \$200 toward this effort; the motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary