

Great Plains Bicycling Club Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2015

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

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

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with correction of the date of the October meeting (from October 23rd).

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements

As of October 20th, the club has assets of \$18,734.28. Total current liabilities (sales tax and accounts payable) are \$1,566.13. Net income since the beginning of the calendar year are \$4,213.51. The report was approved.

National Bike Challenge Award

GPBC won the team award for Lincoln. The competition included many company-employee teams. The winners were determined by the total number of points, so teams with more riders had an increased chance of winning (perhaps that benefited GPBC?). The local Bike Challenge organizers have requested that GPBC become a sponsor of the competition next year. Details of what responsibilities and obligations that might entail have not been provided, so the board deferred consideration until more information is available.

Board Recruiting

The board reviewed the list of prospective board members that was compiled last year. Stacy Christmann will not continue as a board member. Dale Arp and Hal Smith indicated that they were undecided whether to continue as board members. The club bylaws do not prescribe a particular number of directors; the board agreed to a target of 13 directors. Jane Goertzen will contact people on the list to inquire about their interest in joining the Board of Directors.

Education and Outreach: No report from Bob Boyce.

Jerseys

Mike Berger contacted Jun Kaneko's office regarding use of the Ascent tower design for a new jersey. Staff that responded were encouraging, but the club has not received a formal agreement allowing use of the design. Mike will try to get clarification of their position. The question of ownership of the design was renewed. Lincoln Community Foundation funded part of the tower project, with the tower now presumably owned by the City of Lincoln. It was agreed that we need a legal opinion from the city on potential use of the tower design.

YMCA Last Blast Triathlon - September 20

Jane Goertzen reported another successful edition of this event. GPBC had around six volunteers

assisting with the cycling course. Club feather signs were placed to publicize the club's participation.

2016 Public Ride Dates

Mike Berger reported that for the Spring Fling ride there are no conflicts with the proposed date (May 7) at either Eagle Elementary or Louisville High School. The schools have added the event to their calendars. Steve Clements reported that the August 28th date for the Heatstroke 100 has been confirmed by the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

Annual Meeting Planning - Dale Arp, Mike Berger

The board approved charging members \$7 per person for the annual meeting dinner (which only partially covers the cost to the club). Randy confirmed that Chris Sayre will provide music. The format of the meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the report by the officers to the attendees should include introduction of board members, club status (number of members, financial report), reports on Spring Fling and the Heatstroke 100, other supported events, and an education report. Steve and Edie will compile a list of event volunteers to be printed on placemats along with graphic charts of club income and expenses. Edie will try to have the volunteer list available on a laptop computer at the checkin table.

Holiday Party

Details on the Holiday Party are pending. Hal Smith will contact Al Wickman to check on the availability of the Southwood Clubhouse that has been the party site for the past several years.

Donations

Jane Goertzen asked that members consider expected expenses for further web and database development when deciding on any donations to local organizations. A motion was made and approved to donate \$1000 to Great Plains Trails Network for the MoPac East extension toward the Lied Bridge. A motion was made and approved to donate \$250 to Southview Church in appreciation of our use of their meeting room for most board meetings.

There was an extended discussion concerning what is a reasonable amount for the club to donate to outside organizations. Steve Clements advocated for smaller outside donations and more of a focus on club members. Hal Smith noted that several years ago the board agreed on a goal of reserving a balance of at least \$10,000 to absorb potential losses on individual events; since this goal has been met and exceeded for several years despite continuing donations, he advocated for continuing past practices of making sizeable donations to other organizations that promote cycling and benefit the local cycling community. Further discussion is needed for the board of directors to agree on a vision of the club mission and to agree on policies and practices regarding outside donations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Smith
GPBC Secretary