

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 17 Aug 2016**

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

Present: Pat Bracken, Mike Berger, Bob Boyce, Edie Matteson, Chris Blackstock, Jane Goertzen, and Randy Smith. Guest: Liz Shea-McCoy (Tour de Lincoln).

The minutes of the July meeting of the board were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Clements supplied financial information via e-mail prior to the meeting. As of July 31, total club assets were \$19,850.80. The board approved the report, and also voted to approve payment of an invoice from Transformation Marketing in the amount of \$237.50 for investigating and fixing a problem with the Heatstroke registration page that prevented the ride name from being logged in the report.

Tour de Lincoln Bike Art Rehabilitation

Liz Shea-McCoy discussed the status of the bicycle art from the Tour de Lincoln project. 51 of the bikes are installed in Lincoln, some on public land (e.g. schools, libraries, parks) and some are privately held. No money was budgeted in the TdL project for maintenance of the artworks, and the city has no money to maintain the public bike art pieces. Liz presented a list of bikes that have been restored to date. GPTN has adopted the (T)rail Rider bike at the 84th Street MoPac East trailhead, which is currently being restored.

Initial restoration work is done by Kaser Blasting and Coatings, which blasts existing paint off the metal, primes the work, and applies a base coat. An artist then must apply the final paint and other applied materials to match the original. The cost varies depending on the complexity of the piece, but can be over \$2,000.

Liz is currently raising money to rehab the bike Cruisin' that is located on the southwest corner of 12th and P Streets in downtown Lincoln. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$2,051; \$950 still needs to be raised to complete funding. Liz invited GPBC to contribute to this project.

Other public bikes that badly need refurbishment:

Hitting the Trails: Antelope Park east of the playground

On a Roll: along the road to Densmore Park west of Walt Library

Board members expressed interest in providing support to the bike rehabilitation work; several expressed special interest in art bikes that are near or along trails in Lincoln, which would be most visible to club members. Liz will provide the board with a more complete list of bikes needing refurbishment, along with their locations and cost estimates.

Bike photos can be viewed on-line at: <http://publicart.artscene.org/tour-de-lincoln/>

Old Business

Ride Leaders and Club Rides

No new club rides recently. Many impromptu rides are being posted on Facebook.

Heatstroke Photo Backdrop

Mike Berger has procured a capped PVC tube for storing the backdrop, along with narrower capped tubes to fit in the top and bottom sleeves to allow hanging the backdrop.

By-Laws Update:

Tabled due to the absence of Pat Grewe.

Website Development

Steve Clements reported by e-mail that development of the on-line membership card capability is in progress.

Member Survey

The board continued the process of reviewing and discussing the results of the recent member survey (questions paraphrased here):

- 4) Why or why not did you participate in club rides?
- 5) Please share experiences with the club
- 6) How likely are you to recommend the club to a friend.

Most responses were positive. A number of reasons were given by those who do not participate in club rides: rides are too fast, too slow, too early, too late, not welcoming to new riders. Many of these concerns could be addressed by the “ride leader training” sessions discussed during the July board meeting. Most respondents liked the club’s public rides, some saying they are the best-run rides in the region.

Heatstroke 100

Planning and preparation is continuing. The volunteer list is nearly complete. We will need a volunteer replacement for Max Antoine, who will miss the event because of the death of his mother (funeral is that weekend in New York). The bridge work on the Highway 66 overpass of I-80 continues, with only one lane traffic in alternate directions controlled by a signal. Randy will create notification signs to be placed on the registration tables to alert riders to the situation and ask them to obey the signal.

Cornhusker State Games Cycling Tour

Rick Dockhorn notified Mike Berger via e-mail that the State Games committee is looking for a commitment in the next month or so from an organization or business to stage the State Games Cycling Tour next summer. After discussing this topic at the July meeting, the GPBC board was not willing to take on this task at this time.

New Business

YMCA Last Blast Triathlon: will be held September 18th at Branched Oak Lake, as in past years. Jane Goertzen is coordinating volunteers for the cycling portion of the event. Volunteers will be positioned at turns in the course to direct riders and provide support. Jane has five volunteers so far, and needs about three more.

Bob Boyce has signed up the club for a booth at Streets Alive, September 25th, 1-5 pm. Bob can only be there for part of the event, and is looking for volunteers to staff the booth.

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Randy Smith