

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 25 May 2016**

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

Present: Pat Bracken, Pat Grewe, Chris Blackstock, Mike Berger, Pat Bracken, Bob Boyce, Edie Matteson, and Randy Smith.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Clements previously provided financial information by e-mail. Assets of the club as of 30 April were \$15,699.37, including \$656 in jersey inventory. Approval was deferred until the next meeting.

Old Business

Ride Leaders and Club Rides

A ride leader is needed for the full moon ride in June, as well as for additional club rides.

Spring Fling Report

228 riders registered for Spring Fling, with 199 actually riding. A motion was approved to contribute \$150 to Louisville Public Schools and an additional \$25 to Eagle Elementary for use of these school parking lots, and \$100 to Lincoln Amateur Radio Club for radio support.

Heatstroke Banner

Steve Clements was not present to discuss, so this topic was tabled until further information is available.

By-Laws Update

Pat Grewe spoke with David Rowe about reviewing recent changes by the board to the club by-laws. David is interested but reminded Pat that he is not currently a GPBC member. The board suggested members Vic Faiser and Nancy Loftis, who are attorneys, as other people for Pat to contact regarding by-laws review before asking David Rowe to do so. David also suggested that the club might be better off as a 501 (c)3 organization. Several board members indicated that they felt the club's current nonprofit designation was appropriate to the club's main mission as a social organization.

Member Survey

A draft set survey questions were distributed by Pat Bracken to board members via e-mail. Pat Grewe proposed adding a question about interest and participation in weekly club rides. Edie Matteson suggested modifications to the wording of a question. A motion was approved to proceed with the survey with these minor modifications as soon as possible.

Ride of Silence

The ride was well-attended, though the exact number of riders was the subject of some debate. Randy Smith estimated about 60 riders based on a pre-ride count, while media estimate was 100

riders. A photo appeared in the Lincoln Journal Star and KLKN-TV aired a video segment on the ride. More signs to explain the ride to spectators would have been useful.

Lincoln Marathon

The morning of the marathon was cold and wet. Many support cyclists quit fairly early. Mike Berger rode with one of the last runners until near the end of the marathon route.

Trail Trek - June 26

Eddie Matteson reported that she had asked Kim Carveth if volunteers are still needed; she has not received a response yet.

Nebraska Sesquicentennial

The club has not yet registered any events with the committee.

Lincoln Triathlon (not the Last Blast Triathlon)

This new August event is the day before the Heatstroke 100. For this reason the board decided not to provide volunteer support.

New Business

Firecracker 50

Pat Grewe and Randy Smith volunteered to support this ride. Another volunteer would be good.

Heatstroke 100

The Journal Star had a recent article stating that bridge and road construction would soon begin on Hwy 66 around the I-80 interchange, which will involve lane closures and pilot cars during work hours. The project is not slated to be done until the fall. The impact of this work on the Heatstroke event (presumably no work in progress on Sunday) will need to be ascertained.

Newsletter E-mail

Pat Bracken suggested sending out a periodic "newsletter" e-mail and mocked up an example (though he does not want to be responsible for providing content). Pat Grewe asked how this would be different than periodic e-mails that are sent out regarding upcoming events (e.g. Firecracker ride, Heatstroke). This idea will be discussed further at future meetings.

GPBC Video

Mike Berger suggested that the club could produce a video to promote membership and participation in club activities. We would need to find one or more volunteers to shoot and edit the video. For future discussion.

Outdoor Adventures Bike Safety Training

UNL Outdoor Adventures offers an adult bicycle use/safety training course on-line. They have been approached about allowing GPBC club member to take this course. Bob Boyce suggested that the club could offer to cover part of the course fee for members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Smith