

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 28 June 2017**

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

Present: Board members Jim Krieger, Mike Berger, Doreen Bowles, Jane Goertzen, Max Antoine, Chris Blackstock, Pat Grewe, Edie Matteson, Bob Boyce, and Randy Smith; and Torrance Strong from League of American Bicyclists.

The minutes of the April and May meetings of the board were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Clements reported via e-mail that the club checking account has \$13,926.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Trek

Jon, Edie, and Jim were volunteers for Trail Trek. Edie staffed the Saltillo Road SAG, and Jon and Jim were trail guides. Edie stayed at the SAG after other volunteers departed, and was allowed to obtain a number of remaining energy bars from the supplies for club use.

Firecracker 50

Bob Boyce is coordinating. He has contacted the church (starting location) and obtained approval, and has ordered porta-potties. Doreen Bowles and Jim Krieger will staff the SAG stop. Bob is working with them on needed supplies. They will contact Culligan to request donation of water.

Eclipse Ride

Jim Krieger reported that GPTN is planning to have the start/finish of the Eclipse Ride (August 21 in conjunction with the total solar eclipse) at Roca Berry Farm. Three routes are planned on the Homestead Trail: to Princeton, Cortland, and Pickrell. An entry fee is planned to pay for a string bag and eclipse glasses for each rider. Volunteers will be sought to serve as trail guides.

Heatstroke 100

The board discussed preliminary caution sign locations proposed by Randy. The 10 existing signs are not sufficient to cover all intersections where we might want to place a caution sign. Signs on US 77 southbound at Saltillo Road and the sign at US 77 and Hwy 41 could be relocated after several hours to locations on later portions of the route. A motion was made and approved to purchase two more caution signs similar to the existing signs.

Mike Berger reported that the Shriners have approved use of the Sesostriis Shrine building and restrooms, so no porta-potties will be needed there. Shriners will also help out with parking. Riders will also have access to restrooms at the Clatonia and Bluestem SAG stops, so porta-potties will only be necessary at Dorchester (Saline County History Museum) and at the Hwy 41/Hwy 15 stop.

Edie reported the Lincoln chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation has agreed to staff a SAG stop at which they can also distribute diabetes literature. Randy suggested that we

have them staff the stop closest to Lincoln, at Bluestem SRA on Sprague Road. Since this is rather late in the longer routes, they won't need to start until around 10:00 am but will need to stay until 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Two volunteers will be needed at a time if they choose to rotate shifts of volunteers. Edie will continue to coordinate with them.

Club Caps

200 club caps have been ordered and received. The original plan (approved at the April board meeting) was to have the caps serve as the merchandise item for the Heatstroke 100 (instead of T-shirts); caps will be available for purchase along with Heatstroke early registration with delivery at the event, and remaining caps will be available for purchase the day of the event. Pat Grewe objected to linking the caps to the Heatstroke ride; he made a motion that the club caps should be available to members who don't participate in the ride as well; this motion was approved by the board. Pat will contact Rick Dockhorn to discuss how caps can be made available outside of the Heatstroke registration process. Perhaps an additional order could be made with direct purchase through Voler. A motion by Jane Goertzen that all board members should receive a cap without charge also was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Future donations to GPTN

Great Plains Trails Network is currently fundraising to provide paving for the unpaved section of the Dietrich Trail. They will also be raising funds for a trail bridge over the railroad tracks to connect the Rock Island and Jamaica Trails.

Pat Grewe pointed out deficient concrete finishing (rough surface) on recent paved trail projects, including the rebuild of the Rock Island Trail under the Sheridan Blvd overpass. Several other board members concurred with this observation. Pat said he would not vote for further trail donations by GPBC unless this issue is resolved. He will contact GPTN to discuss the issue.

Donation to Attorney Jerry Pigsley for ByLaws Work

Mike Berger suggested that the GPBC make a donation to Jerry Pigsley for the several hours work he provided examining the club bylaws and the board's suggested revisions; he had not requested payment for his time and legal opinions. Mike suggested a donation of \$200 and a club cap.

There was much discussion whether a donation was warranted and what an appropriate amount would be (\$200 might be deemed low compared to an attorney's typical hourly rate). This matter was tabled for future consideration.

Torrance Strong (Fort Worth, TX) of League of American Bicyclists discussed his visit to Lincoln and other communities. He met with a number of cyclists and participated in several rides, including the Nacho Ride. He said he was impressed by the cycling community and trails in Lincoln. Several board members asked for additional support by the League for campaigns to make changes in local and state ordinances regarded as impediments to cyclists.

Refreshment Volunteers at Upcoming Meetings

July: Chris Blackstock	August: Mike Berger	September: Edie Matteson	October: Rick Dockhorn
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The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith