

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 15 March 2017**

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

Present: Edie Matteson, Randy Smith, Pat Bracken, Jane Goertzen, Rick Dockhorn, Steve Clements, John LeDuc, Pat Grewe, and Max Antoine.

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

Treasurer's Report

Steve Clements reported that total club assets as of 28 February were \$14,884.17. The report was approved by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Day Ride: March 18th.

The ride has been organized and will be lead by Scott Braly, with an 11:00 am start from the MoPac East trailhead.

Spring Fling

A message requesting volunteers for the ride has been sent to the e-mail list. Three responses have been received so far. Randy has updated and reactivated the on-line Spring Fling registration form; Transformation Marketing had to fix some back-end issues to show the correct pre-registration fees. John LeDuc presented a Spring Fling poster created by his daughter. After discussing options for printing and distributing the poster, the board asked John to have copies printed for posting at local bike shops, with printing cost to be reimbursed by the club.

Participation by bike shop mechanics (from CycleWorks and Bike Rack) was also discussed. Last year the shops have had mechanics at the two start locations for the beginning of the ride, but they did not stay for the duration of the ride or patrol the route. The consensus of the board was that mechanics are not needed at the start locations, so we will not ask the bike shops to assist with Spring Fling this year. The club will provide pumps and basic tools as usual. The idea of stocking a supply of tubes of different sizes was discussed but rejected. Randy will remove the "mechanical support" text and shop logos from the Spring Fling map.

Heatstroke 100

Rick Dockhorn reported that the committee appointed to study route options (Rick, Pat Bracken, Pat Grewe, and Randy Smith) selected the routes southwest of Lincoln designed by Pat Grewe for this year's event. The starting point will be at Sesostris Shrine just northwest of Hwy 77 and Saltillo Road, and the routes will include a number of small towns including Cortland, Clatonia, Wilber, Dorchester, Milford, Crete, and Sprague. Multiple routes up to 106 miles will be used. Consideration was given to routes starting at Waverly High School and extending to the north and east, but the road network in that area provides less flexibility, and the proposed routes include long stretches between towns and duplicate parts of former Heatstroke route. The committee opted for an all-new set of routes for this year. After the ride we will evaluate whether the new location affected overall attendance, particularly from Omaha area riders.

Pat Bracken reported that Transformation Marketing will be able to start next week on implementing tiered registration fees for Heatstroke, with lower fees for members. The board agreed to keep member registration fees the same as previous years, but to raise nonmember individual and family fees by \$5. There was a discussion of the benefit of offering family registrations; the board agreed to retain this registration level.

Club Caps and Socks

At prior meetings the board discussed offering club caps as a sale item for the Heatstroke 100 in place of T-shirts. Rick Dockhorn received cap graphics from a second vendor, and feels that the caps from this vendor are more biker-friendly. The designs include blue-black and red-yellow color schemes. The cost would be around \$11.20 per cap, with 6 to 8 weeks required to process the order. The board discussed ordering 100 of each color scheme. Pat Grewe then requested that the vendors be asked to come up with unified designs including all three club colors (red, blue, and yellow). A decision on designs was deferred until alternate designs could be provided. Steve Clements made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for purchase of caps; this motion was approved.

Eddie Matteson reported that Nebraska 150 Challenge socks have been ordered from Sock Guy. We expect to receive them by the time of Spring Fling. There was an extended discussion of which rides would qualify for members to log miles for the challenge. Randy advocated for confining the challenge to the public rides (Spring Fling, Firecracker, and Heatstroke) and having members log their miles on the Nebraska 150 challenge website. Eddie advocated for allowing members to log miles on their own for any GPBC ride, either club or public. The latter plan was adopted by the board. The socks will be free to members completing the 150-mile challenge. The method for distributing socks was discussed. Eddie suggested having socks available for pickup at Heatstroke and at the club Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Trek

The date for Trail Trek has been set for June 25th. Randy learned at the GPTN Annual Meeting that the Journal Star is no longer a sponsor for the ride. According to Dale Arp, GPTN hopes to break even financially this year; in past years significant funds were raised for trails through this event.

Tour de Lincoln

Tour de Lincoln trail rides sponsored by GPTN are planned for this year. Randy needs information from GPTN on dates and descriptions if GPBC wants to include these on the club ride schedule or other area rides list.

Ride Committee

Pat Grewe reported that club rides are scheduled for every weekend from St. Patricks Day into early May, and reviewed the ride schedule.

YMCA Last Blast Triathlon

Jane Goertzen has organized club volunteers to assist with this event at Branched Oak Lake in past years. Triathlon attendance has been dropping, but the organizers plan to hold the event again this year on September 17; this may be the last if attendance is lower again. Jane requested and received board approval to continue GPBC volunteer support for this event.

Jersey Inventory

Steve Clements reported that there are a small number of club and Heatstroke jerseys in odd sizes remaining which he suggested be sold at a discounted price. The board approved a \$50 sale price for these jerseys.

Refreshment Volunteers at Upcoming Meetings

April: Jim Krieger	May: Jane Goertzen	June: Max Antoine	July: Chris Blackstock
August: Mike Berger	September: Edie Matteson	October: Rick Dockhorn	

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith