

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 20 September 2017**

The meeting was held at Southview Church, starting at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mike Berger, Jon LeDuc, Jane Goertzen, Max Antoine, Chris Blackstock, Steve Clements, Pat Bracken, Edie Matteson, Jim Krieger, and Randy Smith.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Heatstroke 100 Recap

A rider on the 35-mile route complained that there was no club SAG stop on the route. The convenience store in Cortland was not welcoming to riders; it had an out-of-order sign on the restroom that may have been a sham to prevent riders from using it. The board may need to consider a SAG on the route for next year (perhaps in the public park two blocks west of the store).

Possible reasons for the low turnout were discussed. The rainy weather early in the morning may have resulted in several dozen no-shows of preregistered folks. The location may have deterred Omaha folks from making the trek to the ride. The Eclipse Ride the previous Monday could have had a minor effect.

Some riders complained that there were no ride T-shirts. The club caps that were originally considered a replacement for ride T-shirts did not sell well.

There are anecdotal reports that some riders may not have registered and paid. Mike Berger suggested that the board consider issuing ID wristbands for next year. This would require pre-registered riders to check in at registration. Would SAG personnel deny refreshments to those not having a wristband?

Heatstroke Donations

The board approved several donations for organizations that helped in the support of the ride: \$200 for the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, \$75 for use of the restroom at the Clatonia ballfield, and \$200 for Sesostris Shrine Temple for the use of their facilities. The club secretary will send thank-you letters to the Shrine and to the Saline County Museum.

Annual Meeting

Edie checked on meeting rooms and meal costs at Lazlo's South and Haymarket locations. South has rooms seating 20 and 42 people; Haymarket has rooms seating 20 and 70 people. Participants can order off the full menu or a limited menu, with choices selected in advance by the board. Alcohol could be made available separately. Jon LeDuc will investigate other venues.

YMCA Last Blast Triathlon

The triathlon was held September 17 at Branched Oak Lake, with about 100 participants, which was less than the organizers were hoping for. The event was the same day as the Omaha Marathon and the Homestead 100 ride, which could have diminished attendance. The event's future is uncertain due to declining numbers of participants. Jane, Pat Lorenz, Max Antoine, and Richard Eisenmenger (and his nephew) worked as turn volunteers from 7:45 to 11:00 am.

Streets Alive

Jon LeDuc and Jim Krieger staffed the club booth at Streets Alive after Bob Boyce helped set up and provided educational materials and candy. They interacted with about 200 attendees.

Google Search Results

Randy Smith reported that the website "name" in Wordpress has been changed to "Great Plains Bicycling Club". That title is now being shown in Google search results.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party

Scott Braly and Courtney Wayda have volunteered to organize the party and investigate venues (such as Old Chicago).

Accounting Software

Steve Clements no longer has access to the accounting software previously used at his workplace to manage club finances. He is researching software costs.

Heatstroke Jersey Reorder

The board consensus was to not set up a new order of Heatstroke jerseys this year, despite interest from a few club members.

Highway 34/75 Bridge over Platte River

Edie Matteson reported that they Hwy 34/75 bridge over the Platte River north of Plattsmouth has been reclassified to exclude cyclists. In order to allow cyclists to use the bridge, separated bike lanes would need to be constructed. Cass County has not yet approved these lanes. Edie would like to write a letter in the name of the club to support bike lanes on the bridge.

South Beltway Meeting

Jim Krieger and Edie Matteson attended the meeting held on September 11 by the NE Department of Transportation with the bicycling community to discuss bicyclists concerns and answer questions about the South Beltway project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith

Refreshment Volunteers at Upcoming Meetings

October: Rick Dockhorn			
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