

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 21 February 2018**

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

Present: Board Members: Mike Berger, Pat Bracken, Pat Grewe, Edie Matteson, Chris Blackstock, Rick Dockhorn, Jim Krieger, Jon LeDuc, Steve Clements, Max Antoine, and Randy Smith.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Clements is reviewing freeware accounting software to replace his former workplace system. Few membership renewals have been received for 2018 so far.

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Trek

Edie Matteson reported that the GPTN board has decided not to include a road route for this year's event after all (for which they had previously asked for GPBC assistance). Eagle Days is the same day as Trail Trek; crowds and traffic may result in conflicts with the ride on the MoPac East Trail.

Ride Suggestions

Jim Krieger provided a list of full moon dates for the year, suggesting the club should schedule evening rides for all these dates (March 2nd is the first upcoming full moon). Jon LeDuc volunteered to lead the March 2 ride.

NEW BUSINESS

St Patrick's Day Ride

This ride will take place on Saturday March 17. Jon LeDuc contacted Scott Braly to ask if he is willing to organize and lead the ride. A motion to provide two \$25 prizes (bike shop gift certificates) for the ride was approved.

Spring Fling (May 5)

Steve Clements has confirmed approval for our use of the two customary starting points (Eagle Elementary School and Louisville High School). Jon LeDuc volunteered to coordinate planning. Due to the popularity of ride T-shirts among members, the board approved a motion to offer a wicking T-shirt for the ride using the last-used design, with one color of shirt to be determined later (as long as it is not purple). Rick Dockhorn will coordinate T-shirt production.

Club T-Shirt and Caps

The board discussed the pros and cons of offering a general GPBC T-shirt unconnected to a specific ride. Distribution would be an issue. Voler produces T-shirts, which would take care of the distribution issue, but their shirts use a high-quality fabric that might make the shirts too expensive to be popular with our members. Pat Grewe suggested using the Kaneko design if we produce these shirts.

Jim Krieger made a motion that the club offer the remaining club caps along with T-shirts for both

public rides. This would require new back-end programming for the ride web pages; cost of this programming is unknown at this time. We have not had much contact with Transformation Marketing since the departure of David Hefley, and in several cases they have been slow to respond. This motion was tabled pending determination of programming costs. Any updates would need to be completed in time to open Spring Fling registration in mid to late March. Pat Bracken will contact Transformation Marketing.

Hot Dog Vendor for Rides

Fly Dogs (31st and O Streets) has proved to be a popular new vendor of hot dogs, and they will also work at special events. Mike Berger has made an inquiry, and they would be willing to sell hot dogs at GPBC public rides and provide a percentage of sales to the club. Up to now the club has grilled and provided free hot dogs and brats to riders, and has recently purchased a new gas grill for this purpose. This issue was tabled for later discussion.

Miscellaneous Items

A story by Bob Boyce on upcoming club activities was published in the Lincoln Journal Star Neighborhood Extra section.

Club Socks: about 40 pairs are left. The board discussed selling them at Spring Fling for \$10, and/or giving them to ride volunteers.

Ride Committee: Pat Grewe has agreed to continue on the ride committee.

Meeting Refreshment Volunteers:

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The meeting adjourned at 8:28.
Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith