

**Great Plains Bicycling Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 24 January 2018**

The meeting was held at Scooters on South 84th Street, starting at 7:00 pm.

Present: Board Members: Mike Berger, Jim Krieger, Chris Blackstock, Jon LeDuc, Steve Clements, Max Antoine, Edie Matteson, Pat Bracken, Doreen Bowles, Bob Boyce, and Randy Smith.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Clements reported club assets as of the end of 2017 of \$15,664.79. This compares to \$17,142.09 at the end of the previous year, for a net loss last year of \$1,741.64.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting (Thursday November 16): 27 people registered, though several were not able to attend.

Holiday Party (Friday December 8): board members thought it was well-planned, with good attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2018

The following board members were elected as club officers for 2018:

President:	Mike Berger
Vice President:	Edie Matteson
Vice President for Education:	Bob Boyce
Secretary:	Randy Smith
Treasurer:	Steve Clements

Trail Trek

Dale Arp from Great Plains Trails Network described plans for the 2018 Trail Trek, which GPTN is organizing this year to have a corporate challenge. There will be two challenge classes, for companies and organizations. Registration will be via the GPTN website; participants will pick a team sponsored by any company or organization.

GPTN asks GPBC to e-mail information to the membership to recruit team leaders, sponsors, and request for assistance in organization. They would also like to add a metric century road route to the event (to Elmwood). They would like to borrow safety signs and would like help from GPBC with road route support staffing (roving SAG support, deployment of route and safety signs). The board agreed to consider these requests.

Education Budget

Bob Boyce requested a budget of \$1,500 for education events for 2018. This request was approved by the board.

Tentative Dates for 2018 Public Rides

Spring Fling: Saturday May 5, or Saturday April 28 (fallback).

Firecracker 50: Wednesday July 4

Heatstroke 100: Sunday August 26, or Sunday August 19 (fallback)

Advertising Options for Rides

The board discussed current and past advertising methods and considered suggestions for new avenues. Dollar expense and time expense are limiting factors in advertising. Edie Matteson suggested making club business cards that could be given to interested parties. It was also suggested that we contact local bike shops to have our events listed in shop promotional materials and e-mail newsletters.

Club T-shirt

Dick Draper previously suggested to a board member that we sell a club T-shirt instead of a club jersey. The board thought this could be a wicking T-shirt that would be sold through the website and at events. Discussion focused on how shirts sold through the website would be distributed to buyers. Perhaps shirts could be produced, sold, and distributed through the Voler website, though this may not be feasible for a comparatively low-cost item. This topic was tabled for later discussion.

Club Ride Suggestions - Jim Krieger

Jim Krieger suggests the club hold a full moon ride for every month through the riding season. It was also suggested that more rides are needed for inexperienced and “tentative” riders, and that we hold an orientation ride for prospective ride leaders.

Jim Krieger and Jon LeDuc volunteered to continue on the Ride Committee. They will check with Pat Grewe to see if he is interested in continuing. The membership should be contacted to ask for members to join the committee as well.

Fez Walk/Ride

Mike Berger reported that Sesostris Shrine will hold a Fez Walk at Holmes Lake to raise funds for a camp for disabled youths. They are considering adding a short bike ride, and Mike asked if the club would be interested in participating. Board members discussed possible routes on city trails, but no decision was made (the date of the event has not yet been set).

Equipment Budget for 2018

The main equipment needs are replacement cases for the canopies. Chris Blackstock will research sources and provide estimates.

Meeting Days: continue to meet 3rd Wednesday evening of the month at Southview Church.

Meeting Refreshment Volunteers:

Feb: Jon Leduc	Mar: Pat Bracken	Apr: Doreen	May: Mike
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The meeting adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Smith

