

GREAT PLAINS BICYCLING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 21st, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm

Present: Board members Marianne Day, Dan Leger, Mark St Clair, and Randy Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Minutes: No minutes were taken of the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Day reported that the checking account balance at the end of May was \$4,361.57. As of this meeting date it was \$3,771.51. The PayPal account has a zero balance. Spring Fling financials reveal about \$800 loss for the event. The board members discussed the record of declining attendance at the club's paid rides and possible reasons (pandemic, transition in younger riders from road to trail/gravel, aging of the club membership).

Comment by Spring Fling rider Alicia Clements left on Facebook: "Hwy 1 is not appropriate for bike rides. There is no shoulder and many hills. It is very dangerous for bikers and drivers. Please find bike routes with shoulders." There is some validity to this comment; it is probably the part of the route with the most risk. But we have never had an incident reported on this stretch of road in many years of running this event. There is no fully-shouldered route between Eagle and Louisville.

NEW BUSINESS

Firecracker 50

Randy plans to contact the church in Seward to find out how much support they will be able to provide this year and what the club will need to contribute.

Heatstroke T-Shirts:

Edie will contact Screen Ink about the t-shirt design and production.

Software Issues Update:

Randy sent an e-mail to John Rood at Nebraska Digital several weeks ago telling him to go ahead with the basic website upgrade. We have not yet heard back from him on the progress. Randy will follow up.

Other:

Given the financial situation of the club, Randy proposed that we consider announcing that the Heatstroke 100 would be contingent on meeting a preregistration target (to be determined). Marianne will check on the costs of last year's event versus the current checking balance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Randy Smith
July 15, 2023