

Great Plains Bicycling Club

April 14, 2009

Present were Pat Bracken, Chris Hilton, Chris Blackstock, Randy Smith, Steve Lauck, Mary Poe, Eric Yule, Di Fowler, Steve Clements, and Hal Smith.

Secretary's Report: A rough draft of the minutes was emailed to board members prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Clements reported that we have \$12, 932.18 in the checking account. We are ahead of where we were last year in club and Spring Fling registrations. There are nearly 100 preregistrations for the Spring Fling.

Spring Fling: Pat Bracken read the list of volunteers and which location they would staff. The signs for marking the route are at his house. He will sort them for the rovers that will set the signs. He produced a map of the route with locations for the "cyclists ahead" signs. There was some discussion from the board over the sign placement. We will load the truck at 11:00am the Saturday before the ride at his house. Steve Clements has contacted the Bike Rack about supplying a mechanic. He will also order the porta-potties (two at each of the starts and one for Murdock).

The truck will drop off supplies in Eagle at 6:30am, Murdock at 7:00am and Louisville at 7:30am. The scouts will need to be at the Murdock sag by 9:00am.

Pat Bracken will get Randy Smith the cell phone numbers for the map. Randy will get the maps printed at Kinko's.

Mary Grewe is coordinating the t-shirts. We will be receiving them at the end of the week

A scout troop from Beatrice emailed Steve Clements about getting a group discount. After a discussion the board voted to allow them to register for half price.

Heatstroke 100 Note: We need more porta-potties at the SAC Museum.

Van and Trailer Rental: Hal Smith found that U-Haul will rent a 6' x 12' trailer for \$30/day or \$25/day for the week. Rent-a-Van charges \$500/week + \$.20/mile over a certain limit. He doesn't know about daily or weekend rates for van rental.

Di Fowler brought a mounting rack that can accommodate up to nine bikes and expand to span the width of the vehicle. She is willing to sell it for \$200. We would need to purchase additional fork mounts. Steve Clements wants to try this type of ride at least once. Next month the proposal will be posted on the web site to see how many club members are interested in this type of venture.

Ride of Silence: Chris Blackstock has offered the use of his trailer and will get the measurements to Di Fowler. Di will order the sign. She also has kids lined up to film the ride at various points. There was also talk of incorporating a rider-mounted camera for part of the filming.

Trek Marketing Survey: The board decided not to respond to the request.

Facebook Page: Chris Blackstock would like the club to have a Facebook presence so we could spread information about rides via that source. He will look into developing one.

Jerseys: Chris Blackstock brought up the reprinting of club jerseys. He is going to talk to Bob Shriner about using the same layout but brighter colors. The club has heard good things about Champion Jerseys. Reordering them will depend on demand and price. There are also requests for the recumbent-style club jerseys.

Things to Discuss at the Next Meeting: Reprinting the club flyer, ride schedule, and shelving for the storage unit.

The next meeting will be held at Walt Library on May 12 at 6:30pm.

Respectively submitted by Eric Yule.