

**Twin Cities Bicycling Club
Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009**

Present: Mary Derks, Patt Seleen, Laurie Holm, Jack Uttermark, Cindy Hanson, Garry Glubka, Richard Franco, Lisa Austin

Also Present: Tony Stifter, Doug Nelson, Pete Hawkins, Paul Frenz

Absent: Kelly Hazel

JUNE MINUTES: The minutes were approved without changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Revenues chiefly included WOW, TCBC Membership, and Watermelon, in that order. Notable expenses included Watermelon water bottles, t-shirts, and Neon database expenses. Overall, revenues have exceeded budget and expenses have been less than budgeted.

BUDGET REPORT: The board reviewed a budget report put together by Terry Quam. So far this year, the revenues are ahead of budget, but that will readjust after WOW expenses are accrued. Plan overall is for a negative budget this year due to investment into the TCBC database infrastructure. However, forecasts at this point seem to indicate the actuals will end up positive. Going forward, the board will review this report a few times a year as major events (WOW, Watermelon, Annual Banquet) conclude.

WATERMELON RECAP: Watermelon registration was down from the prior year. The free bike bells were a success and will be repeated. The ride was profitable. Not all receipts have been tabulated, but the profit is expected to be somewhere near \$2500.

WOW: Registration for the weekend is now closed. 207 riders are now preregistered. Day registration is still open. At this point, TCBC may lose a small amount of money (about \$250) running the ride. The van has been dropped from the budget at this point. The board approved the restoration of the van to the budget, with the understanding that it may cause the event to lose additional money.

BYLAWS: The bylaws currently allow proxy voting with one caveat; for the annual meeting, the quorum count cannot be amended. Cindy Hanson will follow up with the lawyer we have on retainer to discuss possible changes.

GOALS:

LEADERSHIP: The volunteer database is being developed and will roll out after the membership database is completed. Board members will follow up with the noted backups on procedures to make sure the backups are comfortable moving into the positions. The procedures are continuing to be uploaded as they are completed.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS: Mary Derks and Tony Stifter are continuing to discuss the upgrading of QuickBooks to an online version. The online processing of memberships is progressing. There are two possible options for including household memberships in the database that the committee is working on.

SAFETY: The committee is continuing to focus on promoting safety and increasing accident reporting. Accident victims have been filling out the online accident form. Mary Derks suggested spotlighting a safety message every couple of weeks. The board discussed emphasizing the use of both verbal and nonverbal signals indicating stopping and turning.

MEMBERSHIP: The committee has documentation of past club surveys. They have not yet met to develop a new survey.

OUTREACH/EDUCATION: There have been several outreach and education activities. TCBC does not seem to be overstretched. As TCBC continues to partner with the Bicycle Alliance, the Bicycle Alliance may take over some of TCBC's outreach activities.

COMMUNICATIONS/PROMOTION: The five year plan for the newsletter has been approved. The committee will look into making the online presence of the newsletter more prominent on the TCBC website.

OVERNIGHT RIDE POLICY: The current policy is that only TCBC members can go on overnight TCBC rides. The board approved leaving it to the leader's discretion whether the participants need to be TCBC members.

RECOGNITION: The board discussed recognition of volunteers and whether there should be a larger recognition of volunteers than the VIPS group currently recognized at the volunteer picnic. Once the volunteer database is up and running and volunteer hours can be tabulated, the board will reexamine volunteer recognition.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: The board will review the key dates calendar at the next board meeting in August. Patt will coordinate date entry into the system.

TRAINING: The board approved paying for LCI training for 3 TCBC ride leaders. Jack Uttermark is approved as one of the leaders.

ATLASES: Atlases are selling well. So far, 4038 atlases have been sold out of an initial printing of 6000. All online purchases are being routed through the HI website. TCBC has purchased 20 atlases to be sold at TCBC events. The atlas committee will meet again in the fall. The board discussed making it clearer for future atlas editions that any rides submitted for publication are available for any ride leader to use.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mary will ask last year's nominating committee to reprise their roles. Lisa Austin will be the board representative on the nominating committee.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Will start at 7:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm. The committees will have the option to meet ahead of the meeting start if convenient.

BIKE PATH REPAIRS: Paul Frenz brought to the board's attention a dangerous bicycle intersection where the Minnehaha trail crosses under 35W. Despite repeated attempts to fix the intersection, Paul has been unable to get action. Paul asked if the board would be willing to get involved in fixing this issue. Mary Derks will look into the issue. The board also recommended contacting the Bicycle Alliance as well. The board also discussed the intersection where the Mendota bridge empties into the Fort Snelling area, creating a blind intersection.

PARK AND TRAILS: Garry will renew TCBC's Park and Trails membership and our charitable contribution. Tony Stifter will bring a list of last year's contributions to the next board meeting. Additionally, a mention will be placed in the next newsletter soliciting additional nominations of worthy organizations from TCBC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Holm
TCBC Secretary