

**Twin Cities Bicycling Club
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009**

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

Also Present: Tony Stifter, Kate Kovar, Jim Pederson, Pete Hawkins, Paul Frenz

Absent: None

AUGUST MINUTES: The minutes were approved with minor changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Stifter asked for direction regarding the renewal of TCBC's savings CD, which comes due on September 15th. The board has left it to Tony's discretion to determine what length of CD or money market account will allow the best yield. With how low interest rates currently are, the amount to be earned will likely be minimal.

The board discussed club charitable contributions. Tony Stifter provided a list of 2008 recipients. Lisa Austin discussed a possible contribution with Andy Clarke, President of the League of American Bicyclists. Andy's suggestion was to give greater support to local organizations such as the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota. Additionally, Andy recommended that we share our "best practices" with other bicycle clubs across the nation. Paul Frenz will talk to Dorian at the Bicycle Alliance to discuss an incentive (for example, the Park Tools repair guide) to further encourage TCBC members to join the Bicycle Alliance.

The board decided to purchase LAB memberships for new ride leaders who have led 4 or more rides in FY 2009. The board will also increase the contribution made to Park and Trails, Transit for Livable Communities, Gateway Trail Association, and the Midway Greenway Coalition. A different board member will route the contribution to each organization.

BOARD NOMINEES: Kate Kovar, Jim Pederson, and Lisa Austin presented a slate of recommended candidates to replace the three open board positions. Tom Melcher, Lisa Anderson, and George Hagemann were recommended by the nominating committee. After reviewing the candidates' backgrounds, the board approved the recommended slate of candidates. Richard Franco has interest in filling the vice president position pending the sharing of ride statistics duties. Richard will talk to Phil Doi regarding the potential sharing of the ride statistics information via secure access to TCBC's server space.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The board determined that Mary Derks, Patt Seleen, Terry Quam, Tony Stifter, Richard Franco, and Pete Hawkins will attend the budget planning meeting on September 28th.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Patt Seleen has been reviewing the policies and procedures to determine which policies are still outstanding. The board executives (Mary, Patt and Laurie) will review the policies and procedures. The board will also work on developing a board meeting calendar with scheduled times to review the status of certain procedures throughout the year – for example, scheduling the review of the Watermelon budget for the March board meeting.

MEMBER SURVEY: The membership committee is continuing to compile the membership survey. All board committees need to forward their questions to the Membership Committee by this Friday.

SAFETY: Mary Derks suggested discussing ways to further emphasize safety, particularly in terms of dealing with repeat safety offenders. The board will discuss possible actions, including possibly drafting a safety policy with individual consequences for unsafe behavior.

HALLOWEEN RIDE: The Halloween Ride will likely be held at a picnic shelter instead of at a member's home. The board discussed whether to give additional guidance to the Halloween Ride Committee regarding the provided menu. Mary Derks will discuss the planned menu with Julie Kosbab in the next few weeks..

MEETING SPACE: The Anchor Bank has changed their meeting policy. The meeting space can now only be reserved one week prior to the meeting date. TCBC needs to find an alternate meeting space. Laurie will find a space to meet for the October board meeting. The board will also explore the possibility of renting office space, either a conference room that seats up to 15 people or a small office space with available use of a conference area. The space will also need parking available for up to 15 people (street or lot), wireless Internet access, and a central location (Mpls/St Paul or an inner ring suburb).

PROXY VOTING: The MAP attorney reviewed Mary and Cindy's proposed proxy voting procedure. His conclusion is the current bylaws already allow the changes we would like to enact, making any changes to the TCBC bylaws unnecessary. The member database will allow the security features necessary to restrict proxy voting to actual members, making proxy voting a legal method to attain a quorum for the annual meeting..

SPONSORS: Lisa asked the board for permission to begin recruiting 2010 sponsorships. The marketing committee would like to maintain the current price structure in light of the ongoing recession. The board approved Lisa's request.

MNDOT SNTC PLANNING RETREAT: Paul Frenz will be attending a two day planning retreat in St. Cloud in the next couple of weeks and asked board members to contact him with any issues they would like him to address.

STORAGE LOCKER: Tony Stifter will renew the storage locker lease for another 6 months.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Holm
TCBC Secretary