

**TCBC Board Meeting
Twin Cities Bicycling Club
September 7, 2010**

Present: Patt Seleen, Richard Franco, Laurie Holm, Garry Glubka, Jack Uttermark, George Hagemann, Tom Melcher, Paul Frenz, Lisa Anderson

Absent: None

Also Present: Doug Nelson, Clareyse Nelson, Mary Miller, Pete Hawkins, Mary Derks

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: George MOTIONED to approve the minutes without changes, seconded by Garry. The Board recognized Doug Nelson for stepping up to record the September meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sent by email to members. The budget meeting has been scheduled for September 22nd. Garry will not be attending.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The committee contacted 27 club members to evaluate interest in joining the board. Three members expressed interest. Marina Lim and Jeff Ramberg were recommended by the committee. MOTION by Laurie Holm, SECONDED by Garry Glubka to approve the following slate of candidates: Jeff Ramberg and Marina Lim for election and Patt Seleen, Richard Franco, Laurie Holm, and Paul Frenz for re-election.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE: Laurie and Patt presented the 2011 sponsorship package and sponsorship agreement to the Board. The committee recommends keeping the same rate structure for another year. Paul MOTIONED to approve continuing with the current rate structure, motion SECONDED by Lisa. Lisa Austin has notified Patt and Laurie she will not be continuing as the sponsorship chair. Patt is hoping one of the new board members will be able to take on the sponsorship chair role. Patt and Laurie have also been discussing the distribution of tasks between the sponsorship committee and Steve Scott. The Board discussed possible task management scenarios, including the possibility that gathering ads for upcoming issues be the responsibility of the sponsors themselves. If ads are not received by the deadline, the previous month's ad would run. The sponsorship committee will take the Board's recommendations under advisement as they restructure the job responsibilities.

MILEAGE COMMITTEE: The mileage committee met recently to discuss possible system packages. Michelle Brougher is putting together a system proposal based on information pulled from that meeting with input from Richard Franco. The mileage system will need to talk to the membership database. Members will be tracked by a member ID. In the future, members will need to enter their member ID onto ride sheets. We will start encouraging riders to enter their member numbers in anticipation of this requirement. Initially, data entry will still be accessed and completed by a single person. The system will be accessible to members and may ultimately allow members or ride leaders to enter mileage. The system will be separate from the Neon (membership) system and will be run on a SQL platform. Mary Derks recommended involving MAP (for Non-Profits) as an additional consultant to help evaluate proposals. The committee is hoping to have an update at the October meeting and the beginning of a proposal for the November board meeting.

BIKE-U: Mary Miller presented her preliminary plans for the upcoming Bike U programming. She is focusing on education and reaching out to the bicycling community. Gordon Fink will be the first speaker at 7:00 on November 12th and will speak about winter commuting. David Siskin will be speaking January 14th about his nine trips to the Canadian Rockies. All programming will be at the Bloomington REI. Charles Breer will be speaking on February 27th about his transcontinental trip. She is working on scheduling a safety panel presentation in March with club LCI instructors and Paul Frenz. In April, several bike maintenance classes will be scheduled throughout the Twin Cities, perhaps one in each quadrant. Mary is exploring possible venues, focusing on club sponsors as a starting point. Mary is also hoping to have additional Delorme training around the time of the new ride leader training in April or May. Patt suggested surveying attendees after each event to get feedback. Lisa suggested offering prizes (through a drawing) for completing the survey

FIRST AID TRAINING: Paul has been investigating the possibility of offering first aid training. The Red Cross offers training, but their rates are expensive (around \$55 per person). Paul is also concerned that offering training may increase club liability in the case of an accident. He recommends that ride leaders seek out training on their own if they are interested. LCI does not provide first aid training within their classes. The Board discussed the continuing issues of training ride leaders to follow the club guidelines for managing an accident scene and getting injured rider(s) medical attention expediently. The safety committee will run an article in the November newsletter reviewing TCBC's accident response procedure.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The club has 1765 current members, with 1489 total households. 362 current members have expressed interest in volunteering for the club. 382 are interested in opting out of the paper newsletter. All of these numbers have continued to grow month by month. The membership database is continuing to find people who think they are members but have not paid for a membership. Total time spent updating and tending to the membership database is approximately 10 hours a month. Tony Stifter is continuing to struggle with members who are sending a check without printing out the online form.

NEWSLETTER: Laurie took several newsletters to distribute at the St. Paul Classic. Both Steve Scott and Doug Nelson will be on vacation during the next week. The newsletter will be completed by this weekend.

ALL CLUB RIDE: Approximately 228 riders turned out for the All Club Ride in Minnetonka. There was a bit of confusion regarding parking, but ultimately there have been no complaints about riders parking in non-designated areas. The board recognized George for organizing the ride in a new venue and arranging police officer assistance to help manage traffic at a key intersection.

ST. PAUL CLASSIC: We could use a few more volunteers. Additionally, Steve Scott put together a helmet fitting hand-out.

BICYCLE SAFETY REPORT: A professor from Berkeley is researching bike safety and would like us to provide information. He has a grant for this project and would like to provide \$100 per page for the information. He would like to have the information by the end of the month. Garry will forward the information to Lisa and Lisa will see if she can get an extension on the deadline.

RECOGNITION CORNER: The Board should send the names of people to be recognized to Lisa ASAP.

ANNUAL MEETING: Patt will write an article about proxy voting for the October newsletter.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER: The Board approved an amount up to \$100 to have Steve Scott develop an e-newsletter prototype to present at the October board meeting. George MOTIONED to approve the funding, SECONDED by Richard.

FISCAL YEAR: Paul would like to discuss changing the fiscal year to a calendar year. This discussion will occur at the budget meeting in September.

Paul MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 9:17, SECONDED by George. The meeting adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Holm
TCBC Secretary