

Minutes of the Twin Cities Bicycling Club Annual Meeting, 2011

November 6, 2011

Held at the Brooklyn Park Community Center, Brooklyn Park, MN

Recorder: Liesa Miller

TCBC President Patt Seleen called the meeting to order. A 5% quorum was met with around 200 members present. Patt presented the yellow meeting notification postcard as proof of notice of the meeting.

2010 Annual Meeting Minutes: TCBC Secretary Liesa Miller asked for approval of the minutes and they were approved.

2011 Year in Review: Patt reviewed the achievements of 2011. In particular she noted the new RideStats database which is now up and running. Members have been very good about knowing their member numbers! The new member rides were a success, with 37 riders attending. Mileage was down this year due to a lot of rain and cancelled rides, so the "Million Mile Challenge" was not met, but we still had fun! We also commemorated long-time ride leader Herb Schultz with a memorial bench and ride in his honor.

2012 Priorities: Patt listed the priorities of the coming year. They are:

- Continue our Focus on Safety
- Analyze TCBC Financial Picture
- Examine Existing Communication Methods
- Identify Enhancements to Existing Databases
- Produce a New Club Jersey

Financial Review: Tom Melcher

The club enjoyed an increase in dues taken in this year due to an increase in membership. This is our biggest source of income. The second biggest source is advertising, and we had a good year there as well, bringing in \$20,000. For 2012 we will budget more for the Awards Banquet and we will reduce the cost per member to attend from \$23 to \$20. The budget will also continue to absorb the costs incurred for members to use the online membership payment system, while membership dues will stay the same. The club gave \$2000 in charitable contributions to other bicycling-related organizations this year. Tom thanked Tony Stifter for his years of service to the club as Treasurer, and introduced the new and current members of the financial team, including Roger Fickbohm as the new Treasurer.

Membership Report: Mary Derks

Mary reviewed the new online membership system and the membership team. There are many benefits of the new system, including enabling members to join online, register for events, and update their information. She pointed out that members can also indicate if they are willing to volunteer, and the club can follow up on that. She encouraged people to renew promptly online when they receive email reminders in order to avoid the need for paper postcards to be mailed.

RideStats: Michele Brouger

Michele named the current committee members and explained their roles in processing ride sheet information. Now a committee will do the work that Richard Franco had to do alone in the past! Michele stressed the importance of writing member numbers and all other information

clearly. If a member's membership expires, they will not receive credit for rides they go on until they have renewed.

Safety Report: Paul Frenz

Paul reviewed our reported accidents for the year. The number of accidents was down compared to the previous two years, possibly due to more rides being cancelled. The majority of accidents were caused by rider inattention.

Sponsorship Report: Lisa Austin

We had a great year and have many sponsors, including bike shops, ride events such as the Chippewa Valley Century and the Nature Valley Bicycle Festival, and other businesses. Lisa encouraged members to patronize our sponsors, use their coupons from the newsletter, and if possible, lead rides from their stores. Lisa thanked the members of the sponsorship committee.

Newsletter Report: Doug Nelson

Doug thanked the many regular contributors to the newsletter, and encouraged members to submit written pieces and high-resolution photographs. Thanks to Steve Scott for his great work.

Bike U: Mary Miller

Mary reviewed the events from last winter and previewed some upcoming planned events. There will be bike maintenance classes in the spring similar to those offered last spring.

Election of Board of Directors: Richard Franco

The 2011 Board nominees were elected. They are: Michele Brougher, George Hagemann (incumbent), Gina McCrone, and Gina Sapia (incumbent). Richard thanked the nominating committee as well as the two outgoing Board members, Tom Melcher and Garry Glubka.

Announcements

- The Recognition Banquet is Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis.
- Hugh Gitlin announced that the Watermelon committee is looking for volunteers.
- Pete Hawkins announced that 15 of the new leaders have completed their ride requirement and can receive reimbursement for their payments. New ride leader training for 2012 will be announced in the January/February newsletter and will probably be at the end of March or beginning of April.
- Sarah Hartmann announced that the Ironman Ride will not be run by AYH as in the past. However, she will still be volunteer coordinator and welcomes volunteers.
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz has a goal of recycling 5000 bikes for kids this year in the Twin Cities, and welcomes volunteers at various locations. Their website is www.fb4k.com.

Q and A:

One member commented on the problem of car break-ins at rides. Patt reminded all to make sure that valuables are out of sight when cars are left at ride starts.

Adjourn: Clareyse Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Hugh Gitlin seconded.