



Bicyclists of Iowa City

BIC Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008

Submitted by Sue Heitbrink, Edited by Nick Maddix

Present: Rudin, Goff, Stewart, Heitbrink, Berkowitz, Maddix, Doak, Loring, Copper and Cronk

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

President Rudin: Rudin commented that the Devotay ride went well. A thank you note and flowers were sent to the business.

Vice President Goff: Goff reported that the April 24 General Meeting will be held at the Coralville Public Library. She will provide goodies at 6:30 pm and T.J.'s talk will begin at 7:00 pm. The board discussed giving a gift to T.J. and the decided idea was to give him a BIC T-shirt. Karen Parrott would present him with a \$500 check on behalf of BIC towards the Dream Team.

Rick Walton will speak about his Vietnam bike trip at the October General Meeting. Location might be at Gus's in North Liberty.

Treasurer Stewart: Stewart reported that expenses for the month was \$205. The club had a total balance of \$42,196, which is not far from last year's balance. There was continued discussion about the club's account balance.

Membership Cronk: Cronk reported membership is stable at 296. The Excel Database will be updated and sent to board members via e-mail.

Touring Coordinator Maddix: Maddix will mail maps to the ride leaders who are unable to get them electronically and to those that do not reply to e-mails sent in advance. A May 21st ride called the "Ride of Silence" was discussed and Maddix has said he will take the planning and such upon himself but anyone on the club was welcome to assist. First steps are to contact local city office's and request a permit, if needed. This ride would start at 7pm. BIC will sponsor Nick at the cost of \$175 to the Midwest Transportation and Planning Conference that is to be held at the Iowa City Sheraton on June 4 to June 6.

Maddix is centering more rides on festivals and events to encourage riders to attend rides. Maddix is noticing the difficulties associated with recurring ride procurers and ride leaders and would ideally like to make the whole process done electronically. Phone calls would be used as a last resort.

Rudin suggested gravel rides should be held on weekends instead of weekdays. 2Sday2Wheeler (Tuesday) rides will begin the first Tuesday in May.

The board further suggested that the Devotay ride be the club's official opening ride for next season.

RAGBRAI Coordinator Parrott: The board commended Parrott on her RAGBRAI pamphlets.

AHTCC Chapleau: Chapleau absent.

Newsletter Editor Doak: The board phrased Doak's continued work on the BIC Post, the club's newsletter. There was further discussion on sending members their newsletter electronically.

Education and Safety Advisor Loring: Loring updated the board on the Bike to Work Week plans. St. Luke's Hospital is providing free bike helmets at the Bike Rodeo. The Mayor's Ride on

Wednesday, May 14 needs some BIC members to volunteer as sweepers and general safety officer's.

Publicity Copper: Copper will send Bike to Work Week information to papers. The board discussed that BIC should have a check presentation for the ATCC Ride Amish Ride to further publicize the club.

Webmaster Maddix: Maddix reported 7400 total hits on the website, with 1200 for last month. The revised Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were officially signed and will be published on the website soon. More awareness should be made of the BIC Forum so that members can communicate and keep up to date on the latest happenings in the club.

Old Business: Rudin reported he has completed installing the shelving in the storage unit.

New Business: Picnic will be October 5 at Kent Park at the Bob White shelter. Rudin suggested placing a notice about it in every newsletter until then. Ideas for the event are still needed. The MYEP is on May 3rd from 10am to 3pm. It was decided to run an article in newsletter but not give monetary donation. There will be no official MYEP ride required by the board unlike in past years.

The Board voted to donate \$500 to be a sponsor for North Liberty and its RAGBRAI efforts. North Liberty needs volunteers to help with hosting the event as well.

Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:55 pm.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th at 7 pm at the Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room E

