

Sikiyou Velo Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2018

Angelo's Pizza, Phoenix

6:30 PM

Frank, Jen, Gary, Ed, Matt, Mark, Harlan, Bob MacCracken

Called to Order 6:35 pm

1. Approval of previous minutes
 - a. Final version not available—approval delayed to next meeting.
2. Letter of Appreciation for Greenway Repair (Ed)
 - a. Motion approved to email the letter to Steve Lambert, Jackson County Parks Director, with a cc to his boss, John Vial. Letter will be signed and sent by the President, and all Board members will also be listed.
3. Purchase of projector
 - a. Projector recommended by Jeff costs \$213, and the adapter required for some computers is an additional \$5. Motion unanimously approved for Harlan to purchase the projector and adapter.
4. Activities updates
 - a. Treasurer (Frank)
 - i. Budget on track
 - b. Webmaster (Jeff) -- No Report
 - c. Social Activities (Mark)
 - i. Ride of Silence—Scheduled May 16 at 7 PM. Mark will welcome the group and Harlan will connect the purpose of the ride, which is to honor cyclists who have been injured and killed, with the Club's efforts to advocate for safe cycling facilities for all.
 - ii. Bar B Q / Bike Wash
 - iii. Ice Cream Social
 - iv. Holiday Party

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1. The Board will consider venues other than 2Hawk for this year's holiday party. This will be a topic at the next Board meeting.
- v. Mark is also planning a bike tour of John Day and Bend for July 1-6.
- d. Membership (Matt)
 - i. The Club now has 230 members.
 - ii. Ed suggested soliciting donations from members when they renew their membership. The donations could not be a direct benefit to club members, such as supporting club parties, because of our non-profit status. Rather, donations would be applied to the club's advocacy and education work.
 - iii. About one third of the members are women. Jen volunteered to look into recruiting new women members through organizations such as health clubs or women's groups.
 - iv. Discussions on membership led to a discussion on the club's education work. Jen volunteered to explore additional opportunities for bicycle education at schools (similar to Egon's program in Ashland).
- e. Rides (Dennis)
 - i. The Board discussed the Wed ride from Ashland which currently does not have a leader. The expectation is that one of the members who has led this ride in the past will again volunteer to lead the rides in the near future.
 - ii. The Board discussed the safe passing distance law in Oregon and shared personal stories of close calls when this law has not been followed by motorists. The following points are takeaways from the discussion:
 1. It is important for the club to continue its work in educating the community about the law and its importance
 2. The club should continue to advocate with the county to experiment with signs to warn motorists about the law. Previously the club asked the county to install experimental signs on Eagle Mill Road and Greensprings highway that would say either "change lanes to pass

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cyclists” or pictorially show the safe passing law. The club should consider reengaging on this with the county.

3. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

- f. Training and Education Update (Gary)
 - i. Bike Ed Course May 19. The course is sponsored by RVTD and Gary will teach the course. Veterans have been invited by RVTD.
- g. Advocacy Update (Harlan, Gary)
 - i. City of Phoenix Land Development Variance
 - 1. The City of Phoenix plans to apply for a variance to remove the road diet in downtown Phoenix, and restore the road to a two-lane configuration with a non-buffered bike lane as currently exists. Gary had drafted a letter to the City of Phoenix advocating that this not be done, offering a compromise solution that would allow for two narrower lanes, a narrower un-buffered bike lane, and somewhat narrower parking. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter but the motion did not pass (3 for, 3 against, 1 abstention).
 - ii. Presentation on “Designing for All Ages and Abilities,” given by Gary and Harlan to the Medford BPAC and the United Way Active Transportation Committee.
 - iii. Outcome of presentations to Medford CAC, TAC and BPAC.
 - 1. The BPAC endorsed including the AAA approach into the TSP. The CAC and TAC however did not make such an endorsement. The TAC will recommend creating a Bicycle Master Plan in the future that would include the AAA approaches.
 - iv. Harlan and Gary met with Gary Nelson, editor of the Mail Tribune, who is considering writing an article about cycling for publication during Bike Week.
 - v. Gary was interviewed by the Mail Tribune for an article about cycling clubs in the Rogue Valley. The article appeared in an insert in the paper last weekend.
 - vi. Harlan is in contact with Rogue Valley Television (RVTV) about creating and posting a professional video on the All Ages and Abilities approach to safe cycling.

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Meeting Adjourned 8:30

Submitted by Harlan Bittner, for Alan Hubbard, secretary