

Siskiyou Velo Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Creekside Estates Community Center
4601 Pacific Highway, Phoenix

Attendees: Matt, Harlan, Mark, Ann, Jeff, Jen, Hubs, Frank and Bruce were present. Gary and Dennis were absent. John Fries and Bob MacCracken, Club members, were also present.

6:00 – 6:30. John Vial, Director, Jackson County Roads and Parks, and Andy Austill, lead of the Greenway Joint Powers Agreement, met with us to discuss maintenance issues of the Greenway. They explained management and maintenance of the Greenway per the Joint Powers Agreement. The target level of service for the Greenway is a facility that is reasonably safe for slower speed riding and walking. Root heaves will continue to be an issue as long as there are trees along the Greenway. Asphalt prevents water from penetrating the Greenway surface, and roots subsequently heave in order to find water. Decomposed granite is porous and does not result in roots penetrating the surface but is not suitable for road bikes with narrow tires. There is a new porous asphalt material that does not result in root heaves but is not yet a proven material. Although reinforced concrete can be effective, it is cost prohibitive. The county has recently removed the root heaves along the Greenway from Talent to Phoenix and will continue this work within budget constraints. The board discussed a partnership with the County in which Siskiyou Velo would mark dangerous root heaves with paint provided by the County. Siskiyou Velo will also provide a description of root heaves or other damage to the Greenway that is considered dangerous for cyclists (the description could include factors such as height and diameter of root heaves that would be dangerous). The partnership will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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1. Welcome, updates to agenda
2. Activities updates
 - a. Education (Gary) No report
 - b. Advocacy and Outreach Update
 - i. April and May activities included the Medford Rec Fest and the Ride with the Leaders event
 - ii. Future planned activities include possibly the July 4 parade in Ashland and Medford Street and Parking Days. Also discussed was having a presence at the Up and Down Ride.
 - iii. Expansion of bike parking facilities are not needed at this time.
 - c. Social Activities (Bruce)
 - i. Ride of Silence report (Mark)
 1. There was a small turnout due to forecast inclement weather. Two Medford Police officers escorted the ride. It was suggested that next year the ride be advertised via social media.
 - ii. Bike Bar B Q report (Bruce)
 1. About 65 people turned out. Bruce and his support team were congratulated on a very successful event.
 - iii. Upcoming activities
 1. A bike ride followed by a visit to a winery is under consideration for late summer or early fall.
 - iv. Club Jerseys (Hubs, Mark)
 1. Ann, Hubs and Mark will take the next step—refining a strawman design and submitting to the vendor for their comments.
 - d. Treasurer (Frank)
 - i. June report was provided. Contributions are being tracked both as income and then specific items are indicated as debits for which the contributions were targeted.
 - e. Webmaster (Jeff)
 - i. Interest was expressed for online training on News Posting – Jeff will coordinate
 - ii. Legislative Contacts are on the Resources / Contacts page.
 - iii. Added Jackson Co. animal control numbers to the Resources / Contacts page.

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- iv. Problem with renewal reminders sometimes occurring too early - still investigating.
 - v. Instagram button on home page – coming
 - f. Membership (Matt)
 - i. Currently there are about 132 members. Recent efforts to recruit new members are proving effective.
 - g. Rides (Dennis) no report
- 3. Follow-up from previous meetings
 - a. Recent encounters with vicious dog, reported on Club Forum
 - i. Harlan talked to the rider who was bitten by the dog. The rider contacted 911 and her call was transferred to Jackson County Animal Control (JCAC). The dog responsible for the bite was taken into quarantine by animal control and subsequently released to a foster home, which was deemed better able to manage the dog. Other than providing JCAC contact info to club members, no further action was deemed necessary by Siskiyou Velo.
 - b. Club insurance and requirements for waiver for non-club members
 - i. Eugene's club requires waivers to be signed at every ride (for both members and visitors)
 - ii. There are no identified alternatives to requiring that guest riders sign waivers. Members agree to the waiver annually when renewing their membership. Board members are encouraged to carry waiver forms to each club ride they participate in to ensure availability of the waivers at the ride.
 - c. Club Survey (Bruce)
 - i. Bruce did not receive feedback on his proposed survey. Board members are asked to provide brief descriptions of the activities for which they are responsible and any comments on the proposed survey. Bruce will circulate the resulting survey to board members later.
 - d. Brochures in local bike shops. Ann will bring copies of the rack cards to board meetings for board members to provide to local bike shops and other businesses.
 - e. Discussion on periodic membership meetings (Jeff)
 - i. John Vial offered to speak at a future members meeting about the Greenway. One idea is to hold this in the library or other venue and invite the public

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4. Updates from BPAC and JCBC (Jeff, Ann, Harlan)
 - a. Jeff provided a summary of the Medford bicycle facility analysis being performed by Alton Alexander of Front Analytics. The project is being done in conjunction with the Medford Transportation Department. Jeff sent an email to board members with a link that shows results of the work—it is an ongoing project, and the data can be viewed via the link as it is collected and analyzed.
 - b. Ride with the Leaders, sponsored last month by the Jackson County Bicycle Committee, and to which Siskiyou Velo contributed ride support, was considered a success. Following the event, Gary Shaff suggested that Siskiyou Velo recognize the participation of two County Commissioners and one Medford City Councilor who completed the ride. Harlan presented to the board the proposed certificate and the board expressed its support. Harlan and Ann will present the certificates at future meetings of the County Commissioners and the Medford City Council.
5. Approval of May minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved.
6. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM Thursday, July 25 at Creekside Estates