

Siskiyou Velo - Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Harlan. Gary, Harlan, Hubs, Frank, Jeff, Ann, Mark, Jen, and Bruce were present. Matt and Denise were absent. Bob McCracken, Club member, was also present.

July minutes were approved on a motion by Frank which Hubs seconded.

Frank provided a review of the expenditures/budget report for the month.

Medford Open Streets Day, is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 ten until one. The application is due on 9/20. Harlan reported that the City is interested in "active" events. One option would be for the Club to lead a ride along the new Larson Creek Trail. The other option would include short bike handling and road positioning ed/training sessions. Gary stated that Mike Vergeer would serve as the instructor, provided he is available. The Club's bike corral and labeling would also be a part of the event. Cycle Sport is going to have a mechanic there for bicycle maintenance.

The City of Medford is requiring all vendors to have a \$1 million per occurrence liability and \$2 million aggregate insurance coverage. The Club's policy includes a \$1 million limit.

Motion to delegate to the ad-hoc committee (Harlan, Ann, and Jeff) to decide the scope subject to a maximum expenditure of \$100 for additional insurance coverage and \$100 for bike training instructor. Motion passed

A proposal to partner with Jackson County to indentifying and mark hazards on the Greenway was considered. Frank reported that their are no Club insurance issues. Harlan, Jeff, Jen and Hubs will try to meet with Andy Austell, Jackson County Roads and Parks to work out the details. Hubs recommended "pink" paint. Gary objected to the effort because the County should be maintaining the facility. Painting doesn't fix the problem. He noted that if pavement defects were causing motor crashes, the County would repair them. He also shared parts of a conversation that he had with Farrell Squires who crashed due to Greenway pavement defects. Farrell was told by the City of Phoenix that the City was free from liability because the Greenway is considered a public park. Moved by Harlan and seconded by Mark - 1) that the Club partner with the Jackson County to mark pavement defects with paint, 2) document the location of defects, 3) document bicycle accidents, and 4) advocate for maintenance funding at levels sufficient to ensure the safety of bicyclist of all ages and abilities - all as a part of an ongoing formal Club event. The motion passed.

December 7th is the date of the Annual Meeting/Holiday Party. Bruce will look into food options. The Legion hall in Medford is the planned location with the community center at Bruce's mobile home park serving as backup.

Club jerseys are still in the works. The committee (Mark, Hubs and Ann) will try to get together to work on design. Bob suggested that the jersey include pockets.

Jeff reported that the security update is done although some featured rides are not displaying correctly. There has been an uptick in attempted unauthorized website log-ins. Jeff wil follow-up.

Gary reported that the bike education/training courses, both at the Ashland YMCA and the Club's adult course had too few registrants. He also shared that the RVMPO approved the pedestrian / bike discretionary grant program. But as a consequence of the Club's efforts the overall quality of proposals may be higher and the individual Board members, who represent all local governments in the Bear Creek Valley, have a much higher awareness of the needs of bicyclists and the importance of all ages and abilities bicycle designs.

Jen reported that the Manni will be teaching 4 & 5th grade Ashland students bike skills and safety awareness. Jen will take Club rack cards to help spread the word about the Club. Ann suggested a Club handout such as helmet fit, DMV bike manual, etc. could be distributed.

Jeff is working on a general membership meeting at the Talent Fire Station. He's considering inviting people from the Greenway to attend as guest speakers. It may be scheduled in November. Jeff suggested he needed someone to volunteer to provide snacks and serve as a greeter. Harlan suggested name tags.

Jeff also reported that the Medford BPAC is looking at designating bike routes with signage to provide safe and convenient connections between destinations. GIS mapping / photo log of bike facilities in Medford is still in the works.

Bob voiced an interest in a Club supported "critical mass" ride. Bob and Ann will work up a proposal for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Board membership - need slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.

Next meeting: November 4th.