

Board Meeting Minutes – February 2016

by Karol Young

Present. Ken Anderson, Tom Clark, Marty Celnick, Bill Donels, Jim Hajek, John Nelson, Alan Whitaker, and Karol Young.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Clark at 7:15 p.m.

President's Remarks. Conducted by Tom Clark. Tom thanked Poonam Mahajan and Deb Cooper for organizing and Harv Koplo for a great slide show at the Winter Party and Awards Banquet. He noted that the slide show had been posted to the website and Facebook.

Vice President's Remarks. Conducted by John Nelson. He advised that he is seeking ride schedulers, and several volunteered at the meeting. He would like to reach out and involve more new people in ride scheduling. The Membership co-chairs will check volunteer preferences in new member applications and advise. John noted he may have a conflict for attending a Feb. 23 meeting at UIS about submitting a Bicycle Friendly University application. Ted Sunder said he was attending and would cover for him. Ted said he would follow up with a member who attended Winter Party who wants to lead family rides.

Secretary's Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Barry Lacy's absence. There were 4 new members and 19 renewals, including 4 at the Sustaining and 7 at the Contributing level.

Minutes. Conducted by Tom Clark in Chanell Hamilton's absence. John made a motion to approve, Deb seconded, and the Board approved the Minutes.

Rider Development Chair Report. No report. Tom Clark noted the article in the February newsletter announcing the return of the D-Railers program in 2016.

Treasurer's Report. Conducted by Jim Hajek. Jim submitted the Treasurer's Report for December, with an ending balance of \$20,051.14. Ken made a motion to approve, John seconded, and the Board approved the Report. Jim also presented the draft Annual Budget for 2016. Ken made a motion, Deb seconded, and the Board approved the Budget.

Incentive Chair Report. Conducted by Deb Cooper's. The Ride of the Month Award for January was given to Marty Celnick for his New Years Day Ride. The Ride Leader Incentive Award for December was given to Marty Celnick. The Almost Anything Award for January was given to Poonam Mahajan and Deb Cooper for organizing the Winter Party.

Special Events Report. No report. Tom Clark noted that Hav Koplo would be participating in a meeting of central Illinois bicycle clubs to discuss membership development and ways to build participation in invitational rides.

Legislative/Education Report. Conducted by Bill Donels. Bill reported that Nancy Barrett from UIS has been appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council as a new Bicycle Advisory Council member. The BAC, assisted by SBC and SSCRPC, is working on the Bicycle Friendly Community Application for re-submission in August.

Social Chair Report. No report. Tom Clark advised that Poonam is seeking a location for the March socializer.

Membership Co-Chairs Report. Conducted by Karol Young. Karol noted that she and her co-chair Ted Sunder had met with Tom Clark about possible activities. She is interested in recruiting members at the colleges. The membership brochure will be reprinted.

Newsletter Editor Report. Conducted by Tom Clark. Tom noted that the newsletter template has been converted for use with Microsoft Publisher. Marty Celnick and Tom will serve as Interim Newsletter Co-Editors for March. We are actively seeking a new Editor.

Webmaster Report. Conducted by Alan Whitaker. Alan reported that the Web site had been taken down by the hosting company due to hacker attacks. He hopes to re-launch it soon.

Membership Co-Chairs Report. Co-chairs Ted Sunder and Karol Young reported limited activity in January. Tom Clark said he will put in a printing order for new membership brochures. He noted the front page article by the co-chairs in the February newsletter.

Old Business. No old business was discussed.

New Business. Ted Sunder asked for Board support in writing a letter on behalf of the Board to SIU Thinkfirst before the end of January requesting 100 bicycle helmets for planned bike education activities. The Board expressed its support for writing the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ken and Sandy Anderson.