

Board Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2017

Present. Tom Clark, Ken Anderson, Cindy Kvamme, Nancy Thompson, Marty Celnick, Harv Koplo, Alan Whitaker, and Scott Sievers, Bill Donels, Poonam Mahajan,” and Jim Hajek.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Tom Clark.

President’s Remarks. Conducted by Tom Clark. Tom introduced five SBC members who have agreed to join the Board -- Scott Sievers, Cindy Kvamme, Carolyn Lawrence, Joe Agner, and Nancy Alexander Thompson. He thanked the Nominations Committee (Alan Whitaker, Harv Koplo, and Ted Sunder) for recruiting them.

Tom asked for a motion to elect Scott Sievers as Vice President. The motion was passed by the Board and other SBC members present. He asked for a motion to approve appointment of Cindy, Carolyn, Joe, and Nancy to the Board. The motion was passed by the Board.

Vice President’s Remarks. Conducted by Scott Sievers and Tom Clark. Development of the April ride schedule by Scott is underway. Tom advised that the March ride schedule appears in the QR and has been posted to the Web site.

Treasurer’s Report. Conducted by Jim Hajek. Jim submitted his report for February, which showed an ending balance of \$17,216.51, and it was approved by the Board. [brief summary of any additional discussion]

Secretary’s Report. Conducted by Alan Whitaker in Barry Lacy’s absence. Alan reported that we had 4 new and 19 renewal memberships as of mid-February.

Minutes. Conducted by Tom Clark. The minutes for the January meeting were submitted prior to the meeting, and were approved by the Board.

Incentive Chair Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Larry Stone’s absence. No rides were eligible in February for Ride of the Month or the Ride Leader Incentive Drawing. The Almost Anything Award was given to Poonam Mahahan and Chanell Hamilton for their many contributions and the energy they brought to club activities during their time on the Board. Poonam tendered her resignation in March, as she is taking a job out of state, and Chanell resigned two months prior due to family commitments.

Special Events and Projects Report. Conducted by Harv Koplo. Harv discussed progress in developing new riding groups (see Old Business). He described his visits with officials about the possibility of adding an off-ramp at Central Point Road on the Sangamon Valley Trail extension currently under construction. He also advised that we have been contacted by Scheels about their interest in sponsoring bicycle repair stations. Possible locations for repair stations were discussed, as was the issue of ongoing maintenance of repair stations.

Legislative/Education Report. Conducted by Bill Donels. Bill reported on the recent Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant allocations by IDOT. He advised that Sangamon County received ITEP funds for engineering planning for a future south extension of the Sangamon Valley Trail (SVT) from Centennial Park. He also noted that the SVT north extension from Stuart Park is currently anticipated to be completed by the end of summer 2017. Bill also advised that the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council is setting up a work plan for the next BFC application.

Social Chair Report. Conducted by Poonam Mahajan. Poonam advised before the meeting that she is resigning from the Board as she is beginning a new job in New Mexico in mid-March. She would like to continue to assist as feasible from a distance. She is seeking to schedule the summer picnic for the end of July. Other Board members will carry out Social Chair duties until a new Chair is identified. Poonam reported that she is sending get well cards to three members who had suffered recent injuries.

Membership Chair Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Ted Sunder's absence. Ted reports attending the St. Agnes Fitness Fair on February 16, and plans to attend the UIS Campus Safety Resource Fair on March 8.

Newsletter Editor Report. Conducted by Interim Editors Tom Clark and Marty Celnick. They advised that the March QR is online and should be delivered during the first week of March. They noted that articles for the April QR should be submitted by March 15th.

Webmaster Report. Conducted by Alan Whitaker. Alan reported that Webmaster activities would be covered in discussion of Data Committee activities under Old Business.

Old Business. Data Committee. Harv Koplo and Alan Whitaker reported on progress in implementing the new Club Express membership system. They advised that the Data Committee would be asking Club Express to provide additional reports that provide information needed by the Board Secretary and Treasurer for their record keeping.

Riding groups. Harv advised that Jim Elliott has agreed to assist the VP in development of more riding groups like the A Riders and Social C Riders. The club's rider development program would become one of these riding groups. Each riding group's leader or co-leaders will post a group description on our Web site, with a link to the group's ride postings online. Harv also advised that Memorial Health System had shown interest in having a riding group. This led to further discussion about potential ways to develop and organize riding groups.

New Business. Central Illinois bicycle clubs. Ted Sunder and Alan Whitaker went to a meeting of Central Illinois bicycle clubs to discuss opportunities to coordinate efforts. One idea discussed at this meeting was that volunteering at one club's Century ride might earn you a pass to ride on another club's ride.

The next meeting will be held on April 5 at Ken and Sandy Anderson's residence. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.