

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from November 21, 2010

Attending: Sue Jones, Rich Furr, Lorrie Pearson and Richard Brannon
Absent: Michael Fuerst and Mike Bernon

Agenda/Discussions

End of the year party: Arrangements for the party have been finalized by Sue Jones. The Gathering will be held on December 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the El Toro Restaurant on Springfield, across from Kaufman Lake Park. A number of RSVP'S have already been received.

Board positions: Nominations are still being accepted for Board positions. Per Sue, three people have expressed interest in the four available positions: President, Activities Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator and Membership Director.

Champaign County Bikes: It was decided the Club will give a check for \$400 to Champaign County Bikes. \$200 for this is for area bicycling maps, and \$200 for sponsorship of the "bike bus". Sue reviewed our records, and this money was promised at some point in the past.

League of Illinois Bicyclists: It was approved that PCC will pay \$200 to the League of Illinois Bicyclists in order to be a Bicycle Club member. Per Sue we have been a member of LIB in the past.

Website problems: Per Sue there are problems in linking newsletter articles to our website. Jim Witte, the website manager, does not know what the problem is. Lorrie is going to meet with Jim to not only correct this problem, but perhaps change some other aspects of the site as well.

Darwin Ride: Some preliminary plans for the Darwin Ride were discussed. This event is, or has been in the past, a potluck feed at Anne Robyn's house and then perhaps a ride if the weather is tolerable. This function is usually held around the 25th of January.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on **January 23, 2010 at 6:30 PM** at Panera Bread at Windsor and Kirby. All Club members are invited.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from October 24, 2010 Board Meeting

Attending: Sue Jones, Rich Furr, Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, Mike Bernon and Richard Brannon. Also attending John Prince.

Agenda/Discussions

End of Season Ride Costs: The cost for the picnic for end of the season bike ride to Homer Lake totaled \$115.91 for sandwiches and pop. The Club paid this expense.

End Of The Year Party: The end of the year party will be held on December 7th at 6:30 PM at the El Toro Restaurant on Springfield, across from Kaufman Lake. The Club will subsidize most of the costs, however each attendee will be asked to pay \$10.00 for an “all you can eat” Fajita Bar and bottomless soft drinks. Party goers will pay for their own alcoholic beverages. Sue is going to ask for RSVP’s via e-mail in order to get an idea how many will be attending.

Open Board Positions: There are four positions that need to be filled: President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Activities Coordinator and possibly Publicity Coordinator. If Lorrie Pearson becomes the next President then the Publicity Coordinator slot needs to be filled. Membership is presently being done by Richard Brannon along with his duties as Secretary. These “jobs” will be placed in the newsletter, and an e-mail sent to all club members as well. Members can either nominate somebody or self nominate. Nominations will be voted on at the Party.

Newsletter Editor: Because of the technicality of the job, the Board is recommending the Newsletter Editor be exempted from term limits. The person doing the job must still be approved by voters. The exemption for this position will be voted on at the Party. Michael Fuerst is the current Director.

Champaign County Bikes: According to Rich Furr, Champaign County Bikes thinks PCC owes them \$400 for making bike route maps around the greater Champaign area. Richard is going to review all past minutes to see if the Club made a commitment to do this.

Website Upgrade: Lorrie is speaking to Jim Witte about possible changes to our website. Jim is currently providing this free webpage to the Club.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at Panera Bread on Sunday, November 21st at 6:30 PM. All members are invited. Those wishing to eat should arrive earlier.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from September 19, 2010 Board Meeting

Attending: Sue Jones, Rich Furr, Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst and Richard Brannon
Absent: Mike Bernon

Agenda/Discussions

CUAP Analysis: Lorrie did an analysis of the riders doing CUAP. The numbers used were for 100 riders. (There were actually 107 cyclists.) Some of the documentation showed: 36 people registered on line and 63 were day of the event. So roughly 2/3 were day of the event registrants. Of these 99 only 24 were Club members. 15 online, 9 the day of the event. 21 non member "on liners" were from the greater Champaign area. Of the onsite registrants, 29 were from Champaign and 54 were not. The following conclusions were reached: Only a small percentage of Club members 12 %, actually participated. (The membership list shows 198 members, and only 24 rode.) 50 non Club members from Champaign cycled. Therefore we need to find a way to get more club members to take part (12% is way too small), and we need to find a way to attract more non members to join. 50 potential members is a fairly large number. (Cheaper prices for members was suggested as a way to get more Club participants.)

Munchies: Some riders who didn't ride very far complained there was nothing to snack on when they returned to the start. (Breakfast was finished and lunch was not schedule to begin for some time.) Next year we will have snacks for these people.

Financial Concerns: Verified financial results are needed for CUAP. Nothing seems to be available for this year or last. Perhaps a Treasurer's report?

End of the year ride: The end of the year ride to Homer Lake is scheduled for October 17th, leaving from Meadowbrook Park at 12:30 PM. Food and drink will be served at Homer Lake. Richard will be in charge of both buying and delivering the food.

End of Year Bicycle Party: The Party is probably going to be held at the El Toro Restaurant on Springfield, December 7th. Sue is going to call and make the arrangements.

RSVP: An e-mail needs to go out to all Club Members asking them to inform us if they want sandwiches and pop at the Homer Lake, and if they are planning on attending the End of Year Party. This way we can have some idea of how much food and drink to order.

Train a Trainer: Per Sue this idea is still being worked on, not only by PCC, but Champaign County Bikes as well.

New Board Members: With some of the Board Members having their terms expire, we will need some additional people to take their place. Several names were mentioned.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at Panera Bread on **October 24, the 4th Sunday of the month, at 6:30 PM.**

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from August 18, 2010 Board Meeting

Attending: Sue Jones, Rich Furr, Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst and Richard Brannon
Absent: Mike Bernon

Agenda/Discussions:

CU Across the Prairie: CUAP will next be held on August 13, 2011. The site will be the Pavilion in Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet. The facility has already been reserved.

Food: The Board went over the food supplies for next year and “cut down” on the amount of provisions necessary. (A lot of leftovers were donated to The Times Center after the ride.) However, it was also decided that the amount of water needs to be increased at the rest stops. The stop at Sangamon Park ran out of water this year and it took a while to get more.

Registration for CUAP: It was decided that an e-mail address needs to be included in the registration brochure next year. This way we can contact someone if necessary as well as e-mail them about future rides

End of the year ride: The last organized ride of the year will be to Homer Lake and is tentatively scheduled for October 10th with an alternative date of October 17th. The ride will start at Meadowbrook Park at 12:30 PM. There will be a shelter/building reserved at Homer Lake Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and the Club will furnish food from Jimmy Johns. (The October 17th date will only be used if a facility is not available on the 10th.) The food will be delivered to the building by a volunteer. The Ride will be officially announced in the September newsletter and a reminder e-mail sent to all club members. Richard will take care of reserving the hut as well as getting the provisions delivered.

End of the year bicycle party: The end of the year party is going to be at the El Toro Restaurant on Springfield (Across from Kaufman Lake) on December 7, 2010. (The date will only change if the banquet room is not available that day.) The event will be published in the November newsletter and an e-mail sent to all members. There will be a modest fee for all those attending. Sue is taking care of all arrangements.

Volunteer Recognition: All volunteers for CUAP will be acknowledged in the August news letter. Lorrie will e-mail the names to Michael.

Thank you letter to Sponsors: Thank you letters to sponsors for their contributions to CUAP will mailed shortly. Richard will write the letters based on last year’s correspondence. Nancy, Nina and Sue will e-mail the contributors names to Richard along with what they donated.

Suggestions:

Train a trainer: Prairie Cycle to sponsor a person to learn to teach safe cycling classes. After training this person's task will be to teach these same safety rules to willing members. The Club has to be sure of the person selected to do the training because the training class for trainers is fairly expensive. Lorrie made this suggestion.

Family Ride: A short ride for the whole family so children can learn to appreciate bike riding. Sue is going to be speaking to members who have asked about this. If all goes well a ride will be proposed.

Analysis: Lorrie is going to analyze the CUAP registration data in an effort to get more riders to attend the event.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Sunday, September 19th at 6:00 PM at Panera Bread. As usual the meeting is open to all PCC members.