

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from annual dinner/meeting 12/04/2011

The annual dinner/meeting for the Club was held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Great Impasta Restaurant at the Lincoln Square Shopping Center. Approximately 35 members and guests attended. It was a fun night and all who were there enjoyed the food and had a good time.

Highlights of the evening included:

Bylaws: The members approved the new Club Bylaws that were revised and restructured by Michael Fuerst and John Prince. A copy of this document is now on the web site.

Board Members: All current Board Members were elected for another year by the attending members as well. There were no new nominations for any of the offices. The following individuals were re-elected:

Lorrie Pearson	President
John Prince	Activities Coordinator
Robert Morris	Publicity
Angela Holcomb	Treasurer
Richard Brannon	Secretary
Richard Brannon	Membership

Michael Fuerst will continue as Newsletter and Website coordinator, but this is no longer an elected post.

Gift Certificates: \$20.00 gift cards for Espresso Royale were given out to the Ride Leaders for the Club's appreciation of their time and effort to guide weekly rides. There were twelve (12) cards presented.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from meeting on October 20, 2011

Present: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris
and Richard Brannon
Absent: Rich Furr

Agenda/Discussions:

Gift Certificates: It was decided that the gift certificate for the Ride Leaders will be a \$20.00 Gift Card for Espresso Royal. There are 12 ride leaders who will receive the reward. Richard will buy them and they will be handed out at the annual meeting or mailed to those who are unable to attend.

Annual Meeting: The annual yearly meeting will be held at the Great Impasta Restaurant at Lincoln Square on December 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The total cost per person was figured to be \$25.00, and we think approximately 30 people will attend. Each individual will pay \$12.00 and the Club will "pick up" the rest. Each person must pay for their own liquor. It was undecided if each person should pay for their own soft drinks and coffee. A general invitation will be by e-mail to all Club members. Follow up messages will be sent as well. We will ask for RSVP's. They should be received no later than November 28th, but that date could change. Richard will receive the reservations and keep track of the numbers. John will send out the invitation and do the reminders.

Darwin Ride/Potluck: The Darwin "get together" will take place on February 12, 2012 at either Lorrie's or Angela's home.

By-laws: Lorrie will send out the most up to date by-laws via e-mail to the Board Members. The only Copy she has is quite old. They should probably be re-written and any changes voted on at the Annual Meeting. It was not determined who should do this. A committee would probably be the best way.

Advocacy: For the Advocacy position on the Board it was decided that this person will be a Liaison appointed by Champaign County Bikes. This will be a non voting position.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for a Board position as well as for an Activities Committee. A list of 5 people was suggested. Board members were assigned to contact these individuals to find out if they would be willing to serve.

Tour de Champaign: It was decided that a bike ride might be held in conjunction with the criterium this spring. No specifics were suggested.

Next Meeting: No date for the next meeting was selected because Lorrie will be on vacation from November 15th till the 27th.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from September 21, 2011 Board Meeting

Present: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris, John Prince
and Richard Brannon

Absent: Rich Furr

Agenda/Discussions:

Rides: End of Season ride to Homer Lake. Ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th. We will meet at Meadowbrook Park, Windsor entrances, at 12:30 PM. The Club will furnish Sandwiches and Colas. Bob will take care of getting both the food and drink to Homer Lake. The refreshments will be served at the same pavilion as in past years. Different groups, of course, will ride at different speeds.

Darwin Ride: The ride is tentatively scheduled on the first Sunday after the Super Bowl. This ride is usually more of a potluck than a bike ride. Most people just come to eat and socialize, not to ride. Richard will see if Anne Robin is willing to host it again and will discuss both the date and time with her. Guests to this event normally bring something for the whole group to eat and/or drink.

Spring Ride: This is a proposed new ride that would be held in conjunction with the bike races in Champaign, sometime in May or June. This "get together" was proposed by Wild Card Racing. Lorrie to meet with them to determine a good date and time for this outing.

Annual Bicycle Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for the first week of December on either a week night or Sunday. A notice will be sent to all members asking for their preference. The Great Impasta or Biaggi's are our first two choices. John will call Great Impasta and Lorrie Biaggi's to find out about availability and cost. At the meeting several board positions will either be up for re-election replacement. The ride leaders will also receive their gift certificates at this meeting. Finally there will be a vote to see if Advocacy should be a board position or just a liaison.

Newsletter: Michael will continue to run a survey for several more months to see if cyclists really want the newsletter. There were not enough responses from the "first try" on this question to form any real conclusions.

Website: There is still some interest in perhaps changing the presentation of our website. Michael will contact Geoff Merritt to find out the software used on several websites he maintains.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at 5:30 PM at Kopi Café in downtown Champaign. All members are invited to attend.

Prairie Cycle Club Minutes from July 6, 2011 Board Meeting

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, John Prince, Robert Morris, Angela Holcomb, Rich Furr, Michael Fuerst and Jay Ruetter.

Absent: Richard Brannon

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of June 22, 2011 approved.

GENERAL:

Lorrie is looking for a volunteer to take over responsibility of maintaining the PCC face book page, she is currently assuming this responsibility.

CUAP:

Volunteers: Lorrie will be taking over the management of the volunteers. Lori has a draft volunteer schedule. She will distribute it to the board members for sign up and review, and then make it available to the club and others to sign up for volunteer slots.

Nina Chanlin will help with the shopping as she did last year. Mary Seid and Melinda Campbell have agreed to produce the CUAP map using GIS per John Prince.

Brochure: The brochure needs has been updated for this year's ride. The brochures were distributed to various members for distribution to the general public. There are currently 100 color brochures and 100 more black and white will be produced at this time.

The brochures will be distributed to venues such as Decatur bike shops, Springfield bike shops, Decatur bike club, Springfield bike club, Illinois Valley Wheelman, Champaign Ski Club, Second Wind Running Club, local bike shops, and gyms as well as key retail establishments. This is being coordinated by Lorrie and Bob.

Equipment: Inventory of supplies on hand is being coordinated by Bob Morris. He is contacting various holders of the supplies and gathering them up so that a list of current needs can be established at the next meeting. Supplies are being collected and stored in Bob's Garage. The most current list is below. This will need to be updated as necessary as items are counted.

Bike route signage

- 12 signs mounted on struts
- 11 signs un-mounted
- 6 struts

Tubs for Rest Stops and Misc Supplies

2 tubs with utensils and first aid kits intended for food stops. Each tub has sheet listing necessary food and supplies taped to its lid.

1 large tub with PCC banner, first aid supplies, rolls of toilet paper and utensils.

1 medium sized tub with cover

*75 packaged sets of table utensils (knife, fork, napkin, salt)
48 count boxed forks.*

Water Coolers

4 five gallon insulated water coolers

2 three gallon insulated water coolers

One three-gallon insulated water cooler to be collected from Ann Robin

2 five gallon water carriers with handles intended for SAG vehicles.

Prizes

44 water bottles with PCC logo intended for door prizes.

1 Giro bike helmet intended for door prize.

Rich Furr will be checking on the availability of an ICE TEA maker that could be used for CUAP. The decision was made to go with TEA rather than attempt to supply cola products with the meal.

Port-a-potties: Toilets need to be ordered for the White Heath and Mansfield rest stops. John will take care of this.

Meal:

Mahomet IGA is prepared to

- 1) deliver lunch hot for an 11:30 AM start for lunch (delivery charge \$10);
- 2) provide "cambros" (i.e., like pizza carriers) for keeping lunch hot, as well as one roaster oven to keep pan being served from hot;
- 3) provide a 5-gallon keg with ice for preparing lemondade from powder;
- 4) knife-fork-spoon-napkin-salt-pepper in individual packets (\$.15 each)
- 5) meat sauce lasagna, vegetarian lasagna in serving pans (9-11 servings per pan according to IGA; I suggest we go with 9 servings per pan); lettuce salad, including cherry tomatoes and cucumbers; rolls with butter packets: cost of \$5 per serving.

Suggested order of 100 servings. IGA indicated that the order can be adjusted upward the week of the event. Additionally, IGA carries "gluten-free" breads. We could order a small amount of sliced meat and cheese to accommodate riders with a gluten problem.

Sponsorship:

Ford City – the use of two trucks during the event.

Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District - \$250.00 (Thank you Lorrie)

Champaign Cycle - \$100.00

Carle Hospital - \$100.00

Durst Cycle: - \$100.00

Einstein Bros Bakery - 75 fresh bagels

Schnucks Supermarkets - \$50.00 gift certificate for food

Common Ground Food Coop – Trail Mix

Strawberry Fields Inc – Fruit

Bikeworks – Merchandise

Midwest Pottyhouse – portable toilets

Varsity Stripping and Construction Co – Deliver portable toilets, provide temporary marking paint.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be on July 20th, 2011 at Café Kopi at 5:30 All members are welcome to attend.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from June 22, 2011 Board Meeting

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, John Prince, Robert Morris, Angela Holcomb, Rich Furr, Michael Fuerst and Richard Brannon

Absent: No One

Agenda/Discussions

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of May 18, 2011 approved.

CUAP:

Lorrie had the Contract as well as a set of Rules and Regulations from the Forest Service. Two checks were written by Angela: One for the use of the Pavilion and the other for the security deposit. John will call Lake of the Woods contact person to be sure we can get into the Park by 6:30 AM to do our set up.

Volunteers: Lorrie will be taking over the management of the volunteers. Richard will contact Nina Chanlin to see if she will help with the shopping as she did last year.

Rest stops: There will be 3 rest stops on this year's route: Allerton Park, White Heath Cemetery and the Town of Mansfield.

Port-a-potties: Toilets need to be ordered for the White Heath and Mansfield rest stops. John will take care of this.

CUAP route: John described the three routes. Basically there is a 65 mile route and all 3 rides will use at least a part of it. There is an 18 mile course to Mansfield and back. There is a 38 mile endeavor and of course the 65 mile "path". All rides will have at least one rest stop.

Sponsorship: Robert went over the sponsors and what they will be donating:

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Robert will pick up the fruit, trail mix and bagels.

Levels of Sponsorship: It was decided there should be three levels of sponsorship. Like last year, there will be an announcement board at the start/finish of the ride showing the names and logos of all

sponsors: The bigger the contribution the larger the name and logo. Also the names and logos will be displayed in descending order by level of sponsorship.

Brochure: The brochure needs to be updated for this year's ride. John will take care of this.

Advertising: \$50.00 will be used to buy advertising for CUAP in the Second Wind Running Club's monthly newsletter "In Passing".

Bicycle mechanics: There was a long discussion about how we might be able to get a bicycle mechanic or mechanics at the start of the ride. (Riders often show up with bikes that have a myriad of problems.) The discussion centered on how and who we should approach in order to get these people. Should we approach the Bike shops or the Bike Project? Should we ask for volunteers or offer to pay someone for four hours of work? No real decision was made. Finally it was decided that Richard will contact Sue Jones and ask her how best to proceed. She is fairly good friends with Peter Davis of Champaign Cycle, and is on the Board of the Bike Project.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be on July 6, 2011 at Café Kopi at 6:00. All members are welcome to attend.

Prairie Cycle Club Board minutes, 5-18-11

Attending: Angela Holcomb, Lorrie Pearson, John Prince, Michael Fuerst, Robert Morris

Meeting convened: 5:30 PM

Discussions:

Minutes of the April board meeting were unanimously approved.

Lorrie asked as to CUAP status.

John said Mike Bernon has volunteered to help secure sponsors for CUAP.

John has set up a ride leader event to clarify guidelines for scheduled rides, proposing three alternate dates to them. This will include snacks at a local restaurant. An expense not to exceed \$200 was unanimously approved.

Among CUAP sponsors, it was noted that Midwest Pottyhouse should figure on the list, as they have given us special rates in the past.

John and Angela noted that we need to secure additional water canisters for rest stops, though several such are in the hands of Sue Jones and Ann Robin.

Lorrie noted the need to develop a master list for CUAP supplies so that the activities director can assign volunteers to secure specific items from the list.

Lorrie noted that Tom Carlson has volunteered to map the ride route. It was agreed that we will have both map and cue sheets available for riders.

Angela suggested that CUAP aim for a net income (after all expenses) goal of from \$1500-2000. A discussion of possible sponsors ensued. Among these, it was suggested that Brian Barker be contacted for assistance in getting to the right person at Prudential Insurance Co.

It being generally agreed that CUAP should offer a hot lunch, Angela indicated that she would check out some food service options that included serving staff.

John indicated a need now to secure volunteers for CUAP. The next Friday event at Radio Maria (tentatively June 3rd) will solicit volunteers.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM at Café Kopi on Wednesday June 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Robert Morris, Secretary pro tem**

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from April 21, 2011 Board Meeting

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris and Richard Brannon

Absent: Rich Furr

Agenda/Discussions

Minutes: From Board Meeting of March 20, 2011 approved.

Survey Results: Socialization and safety in numbers were the most important results of the survey. Because of this the monthly social hour at Radio Maria's will continue and a meeting of all the ride leaders will be held.

Rides: As stated above there is going to be a meeting of all ride leaders to both receive input from them and ensure among other things that they ride at the advertised pace, don't "drop anyone" at this pace, and ensure that everyone on the ride is able to ride at the stated pace.

The Club hopes to have a Thursday night level 2 ride leaving from the Savoy Recreation Center. In order to do this a new ride leader or several persons interested in leading this ride need to be found. A "call" for this position will be placed in the next Newsletter.

There is also going to be a new level 3 ride leaving from Meadowbrook Park on Tuesday evenings. A ride leader has been found for this ride. Details will be posted either on line or in the newsletter. Additionally an idea for a semi regular in town ride was proposed. This will be a shorter ride and will be on low traffic streets. Information will be forth coming. Finally, the current ride schedule will be posted on our web site.

CUAP: John has developed a new route that will include Allerton Park and Mansfield. This is a 65 mile course and will have 3 rest stops. The journey will still both begin and end at Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet. The route needs to be ridden in order establish the best places for the rest stops. A call for volunteers for CUAP is going to be done soon as well as a meeting held for them. The Club wants the volunteers to be an integral part of our yearly ride. Angela stated that on the financial side the costs for CUAP need to be held down this year. Finally the Ride will be advertised at Bike. The Ride in Chicago and is already shown on Mike Bentley's web site. The date of the ride is August 13th.

Sponsors for CUAP: Robert to make contact with Corporate Sponsors for CUAP to see if they will help us out again this year. He also stated that some sponsors may want to see our Articles of Incorporation to ensure we have a tax exempt status.

Club By-Laws: Lorrie wants to update some of the by-laws, but is unsure who might have a copy. Lorrie will ask Sue Jones if she has them. Robert said he has a fairly recent copy and we can use this one if necessary.

Membership form: The Club membership form will be changed to eliminate the statement "Please do not add my name to the membership directory viewable by other members". This statement is incorrect as the membership directory is only viewable by Board members. Also the term Family Membership, twice stated on the form, will be changed to Household Membership. These changes will be incorporated the next time membership forms are printed. We will continue to use the old forms till they run out.

Combs Recovery Fund: It will be mentioned in the Newsletter that \$300 was raised. Nothing else about this volunteer effort will be said.

Google Groups Posting Policy: After some discussion it was decided that only current paid members can post to the Google Groups. Michael will ensure that this policy is imposed.

Bike to work day: John will help in asking for volunteers to work the various booths on May 3rd. The hours will be 7:00 AM till 10:00 AM. The jobs will be to cross off the names of people who have signed up for the event and to pass out t-shirts, coffee and snacks. An e-mail for assistance will soon be sent out.

Bike Day: Bike Day will be celebrated April 23rd at Common Ground. Bob Morris will be making a presentation.

Bike the Ride in Chicago: The people in charge of this Ride have offered to advertise CUAP for us on their May 29th endeavor. We will send them some CUAP brochures.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held at Kopi Cafe on 05/18/2011 at 5:30 PM.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from March 20, 2011 Board Meeting

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris, Rich Furr and Richard Brannon. **Absent:** No One

Agenda/Discussions

Minutes: from Board meeting of February 27, 2011 approved.

Ride Leaders: John brought a preliminary draft of the ride leaders and their respective rides. Since all the rides do not have a leader, a notice will be placed at the April 7th party to see if anyone else will lead. John wanted to have all ride leaders in place by April 7th, but this might not be possible because more leaders are needed. As soon as the ride schedule is complete it will be placed in the Thursday entertainment section of The News-Gazette.

Party: Robert has placed a notice in the news-gazette.com\calendar notifying the general public about our upcoming party. He will also soon be placing this same notice at www.the217.com, once he gets registered on the Site. The Club has a free entry to Bike to Drive in Chicago. This will be given away as a door price at the party.

Jerseys: Robert has made arrangements to have PCC Jerseys ordered if there is enough interest. The Jerseys will be "pitched" at the party. The cost of the short sleeve pullover is \$57 with a minimum order of 12. To have the jerseys available most of the riding season the cut off date is May 15th. The manufacturer is Louis Garneau et cie of Quebec, Canada. They have a sales office in Newport, Vermont.

CUAP: Robert reports that CUAP is now listed on Mike Bentley's Web site. This notification will get more people to ride CUAP. The prices for CUAP were tentatively agreed upon as follows: The fee will be \$20.00 until July 30th and \$25.00 thereafter. Club members get a \$5.00 discount. Non club members receive a free PCC membership till the end of the year, in addition to the Ride. Some of this may change however.

David and Cindy Combs: The Club is going to be collecting donations at the party to help pay some of the medical expenses. Details are still being worked out. People attending the party will only be encouraged to give.

Membership Length: There was a discussion that perhaps the 1 year membership should go from the date a person pays till one year later. Presently all memberships expire on December 31, regardless of payment date. Nothing was decided mainly because of accounting purposes. If members have many different starting and ending dates it will be very difficult to keep track of who has paid and who has not. Having all memberships expire at the end of the year makes the process much easier.

Earth Week: Common Ground is celebrating Earth week from April 17th till April 23rd. On Saturday April 23rd the Bike project will be there with an information booth. Also Robert from the Board will make a presentation on good out of town bike routes from noon to 1:30 at the Coop. Furthermore Gary Cziko will be there with his jazz cycle

League of Illinois Bicyclists: An intern, Holly Nelson, is doing an audit of Champaign/Urbana area streets rating both the roads and the road projects for pedestrian and Bicyclist safety.

Representative Tim Johnson: A proposal was made to invite Representative Johnson to one of the Club rides though nothing definite was decided.

Next Meeting: Because of some scheduling conflicts no date was set for the April meeting. The date will be set by e-mails. The location however will remain the same: Panera Bread at Mattis and Kirby.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from February 27, 2011

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris, Rich Furr and Richard Brannon. All Board members were present

Agenda/Discussions

Happy Hour: The social hour at Radio Maria was a great success. Over 30 participants were there. The next “get together” will be on March 18th again at Radio Maria from 5:00 PM till? There will again be member sign up forms available.

Rider Survey: The rider survey handed out at the social hour had some good ideas, but there were not enough participants to form any concrete data. More survey forms will be distributed on March 18th as well as at our “Ride kickoff” Party.

Kickoff Party: The start of the bike season kickoff party will be held on April 7th at The Village Inn starting at 5:30 PM and lasting till 7ish. The Party functions as a membership drive as well. Sign up forms will be available. Our first organized rides start on April 16th.

Ride Leaders: All ride leaders need to be confirmed by the April 7th party. Various Board members are contacting last year’s ride leaders to see if they will lead again this year. An e-mail asking for new leaders will be sent as well.

Liability waivers: This issue is still being “looked into”. Angela will do some research to discover what our insurance covers if someone were to be injured.

Website: Our new website is up and running thanks to Michael. The site is currently housed at Word press. However, the site maybe moved in the not too distant future.

Publicity: Bob has tried to get CUAP advertised at Mike Bentley’s ride website. Bob thinks Mike is waiting for us to pay \$25 to get our ride on line. The Board has authorized this expenditure if necessary. Once our ride schedule is complete he will place it weekly in The News-Gazette Thursday Entertainment insert as well as in their summer fun guide.

Bob will also place our membership forms at the Champaign Library, all Bike shops in the Champaign-Urbana area, at the ski club and The Second Wind Running Club.

He further stated that the Health clubs including the YMCA were not very receptive to receiving our brochures. Also it seems the Park Districts are in the process of dropping their affiliations, so he might have problems distributing the forms at these places as well.

Bicycle Jerseys: There are a few left with our logo on them. We will see if anyone wants these at the April 7th party as well as order more jerseys if there is enough positive response.

Treasury Report: Angela handed out a profit and loss statement showing how the Club did between January and December, 2010.

Bike to Work Day: Bike to work day is going to be May 3rd. Last year there were approximately 700 registrants. All these people saw our name and logo, and received a t-shirt with our logo on it. This is very good advertising for PCC. Because of this the Board approved a \$250 donation to Bike to Work Day.

League of Illinois Bicyclists: Because of the work they do making bicycling function smoothly in the State of Illinois, the Board approved a \$200 donation.

Quad Day: Because of the work involved to get a booth up and running on Quad Day at the U of I, and the prospect of not getting many new members, it was decided not to participate. Also this event is not held until just before classes start in August.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held **March 20th at 6:30 PM at Panera Bread, Mattis and Kirby.**

**Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from January 23, 2011
First Meeting of New Board**

Attending: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Angela Holcomb, Robert Morris and Richard Brannon

Absent: Rich Furr

Agenda/Discussions

Activities: A social hour for all Club members will be held on both February 18th and March 18th. The location will be Radio Maria in downtown Champaign. The time will be 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Treasury Files: Angela needs to pick up all the treasury files from Mike Bernon so she can get started.

Website: The site needs to be redesigned and easy to use. Michael will do a study to see if it is best to either redo what we have now or perhaps start a whole new site. He will study the situation and make a recommendation of what to do in the next several weeks.

Membership: In order to increase membership a number of suggestions were made and various Board Members will reach out to the following organizations : Wild Card Cycling, the Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy Park Districts, Second Wind Running Club and the Champaign Ski Club. Besides giving our brochure to the local Bike shops, it was also suggested to add a competitive component to the Club's activities. Furthermore we should have our ride schedules put in the News-Gazette, as well as their Summer Fun Guide. Another way the Club hopes to gain membership is to have a booth on Quad Day at the U of I.

Richard will speak with Sue Jones to find out what happens to the money when individuals "join the Club on line", and how much this service costs. Also Richard will work with Angela to ensure that each and every person either joining or renewing their membership is duly noted. At the present time our membership records are lacking. Richard will make a list in Excel of all those that pay.

Rides: John likes the idea of having several paces leaving from the same site. Additionally he thinks we should start rides from places having bathroom facilities, like the City Parks.

New Members: A welcome letter will be sent to all new members by e-mail. (Richard will do this.) Also the "new member monthly ride" will be studied to see if there are enough riders to make it worthwhile.

Liability Waivers: Lorrie and John will speak to some attorneys they know to find out if we need a liability waiver signed before each ride. This could include everyone on the ride or perhaps only the non club members. Our membership form releases the Club from any liability from all those riding.

Ride Leaders: John and others will contact last year's ride leaders to see if they still want to continue. It will also be mentioned that they need to ride the advertised pace. Riding either too fast or too slow could keep people from coming back again. The ride has to be fun. Also, the ride leaders need some recognition. A thank you letter will be sent to each leader. Richard will do this. In addition the person in

charge will not have to pay club dues and will be given a gift certificate at the end of the season if they consistently lead their ride.

Budget: Angela will prepare monthly reports that show how much money is in the checking account, as we have not received a report in awhile, and from this a budget will be set for the year.. There is also a need to verify that bills have been paid during the transition of Board Members.

Club Laptop Computer: Lorrie will check the status of the club's laptop.

CU Across the Prairie: The event must be advertised much earlier this year. Lorrie wants to have a committee of non Board Members to get everything "necessary" up and running.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **February 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM at Panera Bread,** Windsor and Kirby.