

Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes

**Dan Metz' house,
1108 W. William Champaign
January 21, 2024 (Tuesday) 3:30 pm**

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president
Joan Wingo, secretary
Richard Brannon, membership
Dan Metz, at large

Not in attendance:

Open, At Large
Open, Activities Director
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer
Michael Fuerst, media

PCC General Members:

Chris Dangles, Gibson Hospital
Laura Schwenker
Jeff

Minutes [Joan]

9.13.2023 – last official PCC minutes. Discussions via email took place in October, November and December, 2023.

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

January 2024 report not available.

Voted via email December 20, 2023 to approve payment to Michael Fuerst, webmaster for Startlogic \$431.75 for 36 months or \$11.97/mo

Membership Report (Richard)

7 members for 2024 already paid up.

Pizza Day – Sign up members

- Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm, Jupiters at the Crossing.
- PCC board meeting follows at 7:15 pm
- Upstairs or downstairs – Joan to call. Pizza served 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Activities Report [Open]

January Election

A request for nominations of new PCC Board members went out via email in December and January. No nominations were received as of PCC General Meeting on 1.21.2024.

The slate of officers for the PCC Board remains the same. Activities Director and one At Large remain open.

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PCC Tour for Summer 2024 Discussion

Chris Dangles, Gibson Hospital lead a discussion on options for the PCC Tour

As of 1.24.2024, the Prairie Cycle Club does not have a Tour Director.
Ride Tour planning committee needs to be formed.

- Meeting date: First meeting to be held in February or March.
 - Location: Someone's home or restaurant or ?
 - Who: Tour committee members
- Volunteer Pizza Date: First week of May 2024
 - Location: Jupiter's Downtown
 - Who: Tour committee members and volunteers

Cost of Ride: Include cost of insurance, other costs?

Sponsorship:

- Gibson Hospital – food, parking, EMT building for registration, marketing
- Jason Schifo – Mahomet – Bike shop

Location: Start/End Gibson Hospital

Date: Chris to confirm the date with Gibson Hospital Board.

- Options: Saturday. May 25, 2024, June 1, 2024, June 8, or June 15, 2024.
- Date concerns: Early June – people don't have the stamina to ride longer. Mid June will have the ability to do a longer ride. Many people who want to ride early in the season plan on training for the ride.
- June 9-14 Grand Illinois Bike Tour – ride on either end of this ride?

Food: Chris offered Breakfast at Gibson Hospital Cafeteria to start the ride.

- The hot breakfast at Gibson Hospital has been a highlight of previous rides.
- Riders who leave early and return early can eat a second breakfast.
- End of ride, there are restaurant options in Gibson City for meals.
- Shopping and supporting local Gibson City after the ride.

Marketing: Gibson City

- Gibson Hospital
- Gibson Chamber of Commerce
- Get date into Illinois Bicycle packet

Insurance

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- Chris will check with an insurance person at Gibson City to check on rates for the PCC Tour.
- Notes from 9/13/2023 – Sue Ellen Treasurer’s notes.
 - American Speciality,
 - \$12.69 per Non PCC rider - 58 non- PCC riders - total \$735.94 payment for the Pedal the Preserves 2023.
 - \$8.37 per rider is what is paid for our PCC members (150 members)

Ride Stops: Start Gibson Hospital – ideas for ride loops

- Gibson Hospital - Middle Fork – Gibson Hospital – 28 miles
 - Gibson Hospital – Paxton – Middle Fork – Gibson Hospital
 - Set up restop at Circle K
 - Gibson Hospital– Lincoln – Gibson Hospital- 21 miles
 - Need a restop
 - Avoid Route 47
- Gibson Hospital – figure 8 – Lake of the Woods – Gibson Hospital
- Century Ride - Gibson Hospital - Lake of the Woods – Gibson Hospital and add Gibson Hospital - Middle Fork - Gibson Hospital for the Century Ride.
- The PCC Tour committee will discuss and plan the ride map with the stops.

Portapotty – At Gibson Hospital and other stops on ride.

Volunteers – PCC Tour

- Pizza Party – Volunteer sign up for PCC Tour – Date: Early May 2024
- PCC Tour – raises money for a designated charity. The Forest Preserve or Rails to Trails are two of the charities PCC has supported in the past.
- Include in the agreement/contract with the charity – Ask the charity to arrange for volunteers or host a rest stop or have one of their people lead the volunteers. If they bail, then we are not able to pay the full amount.
- Pedal the Preserves – they have a volunteer list in place.
 - Preserve the Preserve fundraiser – PCC Tour
 - Pedaling the Preserve Tour is Aug 17 & 18, 2024.
 - PCC Tour will not conflict with their ride.
- Volunteer Leader option:
 - PCC pay the person in charge of the volunteers? We are not paying for the FPPavilion, nor for the breakfast, so there will be money to pay someone to coordinate the volunteers.
- Boy Scouts – Support the ride stops.
 - Public Service merit badge – Scouts can receive this badge for their volunteer work on the PCC Ride

Weekly Rides:

Start Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 (first Saturday after Tax Day April 15)

Ride Leaders

- Sue Jones will put the call out for ride leaders
- Some ride leaders already know that they want to lead. Sue will check with them again closer to the start of the season.

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- Show and go – May need to have show and go for some of the rides due to no regular leader. Women’s Group and Thursday Group currently planning for show and go.
- Show and go - Who does the Route Plan? Generally everyone gathers, and checks the wind. Then someone or the group will decide, lets ride to/from based on the wind.
- Discussion of wording on website – average ride is X. Some groups ride out fast and come back slow and the average might be 14, but actually the ride out is 18 or 20 and people are concerned about being dropped. How to word it on the website so people know how fast people actually ride. Examples, ride leader will not ride any faster than 15 miles per hour, no one will be dropped. It is difficult to put an absolute on the website because riding changes based on weather, wind speed, strength of the riders.
- Rides www.prairiecycleclub.org – will be updated for 2024.

Publicity Report [Mike]

Not available

Old BusinessNew Business

Action items by Next Meeting

Chris – Tour date. Insurance.

Sue Jones – Review PCC 1.21.2024 minutes.

Joan – Contact Jupiters – Sign up PCC Season Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm, Jupiters at the Crossing. PCC Board meeting 7:15 pm.

Next meeting

March 6 next meeting, 6:30 pm at Dan’s House.

PCC Board Meetings - First Wednesday of the month

Adjourned: 4:45 pm