

Plymouth County Cyclists Meeting

May 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at Bike Central, Le Mars, Iowa

Meeting called to order by Mark Strub

Members Present

- Dave Bak, Lonnie Bohlke, Bob Culler, Curt Driggs, Mary Gloden, Bob Phillips, Julie Phillips, Mark Strub, Mark Sturgeon, Kevin Vande Vegte

Treasurer's Report

- Mary Gloden reported a checking account balance of \$2,186.38 and a savings account balance of \$2,634.31. Mary has some renewals and jersey money to deposit.

Membership Report

- Kevin Vande Vegte reported we have 130 adult members and 21 youth, for a total membership of 151. About half of the existing members have paid their renewal. Kevin will prepare a list of members who still need to renew, which will be kept in a folder at Bike Central, so any member who is unsure if they have renewed can check the list. Kevin gave the officers information on how to access the membership spreadsheet in the Google account.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Mark Strub read the April minutes.

Old Business

- **Jersey Sales Update:** Mark Sturgeon reported some sales but they have slowed down. There are still jerseys for sale.
- **Fair Booth:** Mark Strub said as in the past there will be a spreadsheet for members to sign up to man the booth. Mark Sturgeon suggested we create a slideshow set to music to play on a television at the booth, which he will work on. Mark will email members requesting pictures. Dave Bak has a television we can use. We will discuss what to have as a drawing giveaway and items to display at the next meeting.
- **Web Page Update:** We discussed the web domain renewal. It appears we automatically paid. Mark Strub will check to make sure and look into the cost savings of renewing for multiple years. Dave Bak thinks we can find the password after going into the webpage editing. The new site is in the final stages of going live.
- **Bike to Work:** Mark Strub mentioned posts he has seen. Some members have been riding to work.

- **Kick Off Ride:** We had 40-50 people attend, some going on a road ride, some off-road trail, and some not riding. It was suggested in the future to have set ride times at staggered intervals, similar to what the Siouxland Cyclists recently did.
- **Tour de Plymouth:** Dave Bak discussed spending \$100 to \$150 to do a social media blast the week before the ride. It was agreed Dave has the authority to spend such amounts on elements of the project without club vote. There was discussion about different food options. Mark Sturgeon will ask Hy-Vee and Fareway about the usual donation of fruits but also mention other things necessary for a few of the suggested meals. We will buy what we cannot get donated. We will need volunteers but will ask closer to the ride. Members who are willing to volunteer should keep in mind the June 13 date.
- **Bike Safety Fair/Bike Rodeo:** There was discussion about the flyer which will be distributed at the schools on Tuesday or Wednesday. Also talked about the food that has been donated and what will still be needed. We may need members to donate the use of coolers and garbage cans and will need volunteers. Mark Strub and Mark Sturgeon are working on purchasing giveaways, helmets, etc. Some will be general giveaway, some will be a drawing. Le Mars Police Officers Kevin Vande Vegte and Troy Beitelspacher will be helping with registering bikes. Alana from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition is handling the bulk of the rodeo and station set-up. Others who have already volunteered are Mark Strub, Mark Sturgeon, Mary Goden, and Bob and Julie Phillips.

New Business

- **Table at Icon Ag:** The rest area is nearing completion. We can expect contact from the City regarding our purchase of the table.
- **WOW Ride:** Mark Strub talked about this upcoming ride in Sioux Center and handed out flyers.
- **May 11, 2015, Meeting Location:** It was agreed to hold the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the shelter house at the Le Mars Municipal Park, with Bike Central as an inclement weather alternate location.

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m., June 6, 2015, Shelter House, Le Mars Municipal Park, Le Mars, Iowa (rain location – Bike Central)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sturgeon