

Plymouth County Cyclists Meeting

January 8, 2018, at Sweet 16 Lanes, Le Mars, Iowa

Meeting called to order by Dave Bak

Members Present

- Dave Bak, Lonnie Bohlke, Bob Culler, Tom Galles, Joni Kellen, Keith Lamfers, Wayne Marty, Bob Phillips, Julie Phillips, Mark Sturgeon

Treasurer's Report

- Mark Sturgeon report a checking account balance of \$6,385.83 and savings account balance of \$1,923.07. Changes since the last report are \$44.78 to Keith Lamfers and Joni Kellen for things purchased for the Christmas party, \$450.00 to Catalanos for Christmas party food and tip, and .37 interest earned in the savings account.

Membership Report

- Mark Sturgeon reported 73 adult members paid through May 2018, which includes 8 lifetime, one paid adult for 2018, and 28 youth. Mark will start sending out renewal reminders March or April.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The December minutes were not available.

Old Business

- **Officers:** The only office not filled is Vice President. It was agreed to proceed without a Vice President with the hope of filling it at some point in the year.
- **501(c)(3):** Mark Sturgeon reported on the status of the club's exemption.
- **Share the Road Signs:** Mark Sturgeon reported he has spoken with Tom Rohe, Plymouth County Engineer. Tom thinks we will be able to purchase and install approximately six signs with the \$1,000 pledged at previous meetings. Tom was open to suggestions on preferred placement locations. Mark Sturgeon, Mark Strub, Dave Bak, and Keith Lamfers communicated via email/phone and relayed the following locations: C30 for traffic leaving Le Mars heading east and at its intersection with K64, for traffic heading west toward Le Mars; C38 at Key Avenue for traffic heading west and near its intersection with K42 for traffic heading east; K49, for traffic leaving Le Mars heading south and near its intersection with C44 for traffic heading north toward Le Mars. Tom will let Mark know when the signs are installed and the total amount, at which time the club will reimburse the county in an amount up to \$1,000.00.

- **Tour de Plymouth:** Mark Sturgeon confirmed he will coordinate the ride again this year. Mark talked about making on-line registration open soon and lowering the price. Suggestions were made for sponsors to help offset the price of T-shirts, prizes, and food.

New Business

- **RAGBRAI:** Dave Bak said he thinks the club should have some members attend the announcement party on January 27. Dave and Kati Bak are attending on behalf of the Siouxland Cyclists. Dave said the club should pay the ticket price for a member or couple of members to attend. Joni Kellen and Keith Lamfers were considering attending. Mark Sturgeon said he would consider it and will get back to Dave in the next week.
- **Ideas for 2018:** When asked for ideas or a vision for 2018 Dave Bak talked about looking into setting the club up with a RAGBRAI program similar to Siouxland Cyclists', where the club would operate under their auspices to sign up guaranteed registration and possibly charter a bus to haul gear and bring people back to generate funds for the club's ongoing operations and programs. Dave indicated it may not be done in time for this year but it is something he would like to see set up.
- **Jerseys:** There was discussion of creating a new club jersey. Joni Kellen will talk with Mark Strub and Dale Hurt to look into various vendors and start the discussion about design, sponsors, order structure, and other facets. As the club has a small number of jerseys from the last batch it was decided to offer them for \$10.00, delivery included, or free for pick up while supplies last. Mark Sturgeon will do an inventory and post to the club's Facebook page and send out an email.

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m., February 5, 2018, at the American Legion, 110 Plymouth Street SW, Le Mars

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sturgeon