

## **Plymouth County Cyclists Meeting**

April 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at Sweet 16 Lanes, Le Mars, Iowa

### **Meeting called to order by Mark Strub**

#### **Members Present**

- Lonnie Bohlke, Bob Culler, Curt Driggs, Jim Flaherty, Tom Galles, Dale Hurt, Wayne Marty, Bob Phillips, Julie Phillips, Mark Strub, Mark Sturgeon, Kevin Vande Vegte

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Mark Strub reported a checking account balance of \$1,764.98 and a savings account balance of \$2,633.86. Mark has received some renewals that will be deposited.

#### **Membership Report**

- Mark Strub reported Kevin Vande Vegte has confirmed 127 adult members and 21 youth, for a total membership of 148. We have 13 new members.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Mark Strub handed out copies of the March minutes, which were approved by majority vote.

#### **Old Business**

- **LOST Grant for Share the Road Signs:** Mark Sturgeon reported our application was denied and relayed a conversation he had with two members of the LOST committee, who indicated the LOST grant funds would not be available in the future. There was discussion about other ways to raise revenue to have share the road signs installed.
- **Fair Booth:** The fair booth has been paid for and we need to start planning what to display and have available during the fair.
- **Web Page Update:** The web page is ready to go live and is waiting on verification by WIX, the web host, of our nonprofit status. There was discussion about other clubs doing a good job of cross-promoting rides and events, including ours, and the need to reciprocate.
- **Bike to Work:** There was discussion about the need to come up with good ideas for incentives or competitions and how to promote bike month, bike to work week, and bike to work day.
- **Kick Off Ride:** Confirmed for May 3, 2015, riding at 1:00 p.m. with a meal to follow around 4:00 at the indoor shelter house at Hillview Park, west of Hinton, Iowa.
- **Card Reader:** Mark Sturgeon has set the account up and tested the card reader by renewing his membership. Jim Flaherty tested the other reader by renewing at the meeting.

- **Tour de Plymouth:** Kevin Vande Vegte will send the flyer to Dave Bak. Dave has been active in getting sponsors lined up. There was discussion about the date (June 13, 2015), the need for volunteers, and general discussion about the event.
- **State Corporation Filing:** Mark Sturgeon and Mark Strub will work together to make sure we have filed everything required by the IRS.
- **Floyd River Valley Trail:** Mark Sturgeon discussed the status of the trail group and recent changes and developments.

### New Business

- **LEAP Menu Masters Fundraiser:** Mark Strub and Monte Brent participated last year, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Parmalee. Mark got the flyer for this year's event (in September) and thinks we should keep this in mind as the year progresses so we can put something together.
- **Bike Safety Fair:** We were joined by two representatives from the Le Mars Rotary Club and Floyd Valley Hospital. Both groups have expressed interest in partnering with the club to do a bike rodeo/safety fair and have pledged funds. After general discussion it was decided to hold the Bike Safety Fair on May 18, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a tentative location being at Bike Central, possibly also in the street and/or Olson Cultural Event Center. We will talk with potential sponsors to get materials and goods donated, if possible. The decision was made to provide hotdogs, chips, drinks, etc., and promote this event heavily through the schools and radio and print, possibly paying for an ad in the Sentinel. After a vote the club has pledged to provide up to \$250 from the youth/safety savings account toward this event.
- **Ice Cream Days Parade:** Mark Sturgeon has received the sign-up sheet for this year's Ice Cream Days parade. Mark gave Mark Strub the sheet to fill out and send in. Mark Strub will speak with Team Paradise about using their bus. We will discuss other aspects of this at future meetings.
- **Rest Area at Icon Ag:** Curt Driggs said things are progressing at the rest area. Mark Sturgeon mentioned we should be prepared to pay for the table we committed to providing.
- **Bike Sculpture:** Mark Sturgeon revisited the idea of designing and installing one or more bike sculptures on the trail. There was discussion and this will be revisited in future meetings.
- **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.

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m., May 11, 2015, Shelter House, Le Mars Municipal Park, Le Mars, Iowa,

### Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sturgeon