

Board Meeting – Thursday, April 4th 2019
Big Ole Bike Club
Caribou North, Alexandria

Board members present:

- Jeff Brand
- Kari Burow
- Bryan Swenson
- Craig Andrews (past president)
- Scott Deitz
- Derek Chinn (Mountaineers Rep)

Other Members present:

- none

Meeting called to order at ~7:07 PM

BOBC Jerseys:

45 jerseys have been ordered and will ship to Craig's house around May 3rd. He will take them to Jake's Bikes and they will distribute. Craig will notify the club via Remind that they are in, Bryan will notify the club via email. 22 of these were preordered, and 23 are extras of varied gender/sizes that Jake's will sell and then funnel the funds back to Kari. In mid-May we can reorder, but need a minimum of 5 per gender. Great job Craig!!!!

Financials:

Kari has submitted the Federal 990 postcard and the Minnesota Annual Filing regarding our active 501c3 status.

Kari distributed details about positive balances for all accounts, and it was mentioned that the Mountaineers trailer wrapping expenses will be covered by the recent significant donation. The donation has been invested at the Alexandria Schools Employees Credit Union (ASECU), but funds can be easily withdrawn by Corey or Scott and transferred to Kari via a request through Craig.

Scott mentioned that Chris Olson (ALP) is ready to conduct a financial audit of the BOBC accounts. Kari to work out a time with him.

Insurance:

Jeff revisited the discussion about insurance for the new Mountaineers equipment trailer to bring Derek up to speed. Our options are limited because a non-profit owns the trailer instead of the normal situation of individual ownership. Derek said he would inquire at the state league level to see what other teams are doing.

Craig reported BOBC is now officially a member of The League of American Bicyclists, with annual dues and group coverage insurance paid for. The club now has liability insurance of \$1M per incident, \$5M aggregate. Member personal accident insurance is \$10K per incident, and is designed to cover expense above and beyond a person's regular insurance. The coverage

applies to organized road, gravel, mountain and fat bike group rides. MTB and fat bike rides will require a clipboard sign-in. A non-member is covered only on their first ride.

Membership Dues:

We had significant discussion around membership dues and the need to raise them. This is mainly needed to cover the club liability insurance and the member personal accident insurance. The added insurance cost this year is \$483.50 or about \$10 per member. It was decided that we should increase the BOBC dues incrementally over 2019 and 2020. The consensus was to raise the individual membership from \$25 to \$30, and the family membership from \$40 to \$50. Mountaineer dues will remain the same. Craig will update the website and the EventBrite on-line membership form to reflect this. We will re-visit in early 2020. Note that there are three ways to pay the dues: at the initial gathering, online, or at Jake's Bikes.

Mountaineer Trailer Wrap, Jerseys, Info/Recruiting Event:

Derek reported progress is being made, and that the wrap design is essentially done. The goal is to have it completed by the 1st race, or Parent Night. No sponsors will be displayed initially, but space has been allocated once it is decided to add them, and it will not impact the wrap. The new Mountaineers logo will be used, and the team is adopting the Alexandria Cardinal's color scheme of red/black for better community recognition.

The Info/Recruiting event will be Tuesday night, April 9th at the High School. This year jerseys (PodiumWear) will be provided to the student athletes by the team, and will reflect the new logo and red/black color scheme. Sizing details will be gathered on the 9th.

Trailbuilding/ROC:

Jeff reported that work at Brophy Park will start as soon as the ground is thawed. The ambitious goal is to be done by June 1st. There will be 2-3 crews working daily trying to finish 500 feet/day. There is a need for people to ride the new portions of the trail as soon as it is laid so feedback can go back immediately to the crew. There is a distinct possibility that the Mountaineers could host a race at Brophy as early as Fall 2020.

KRP continues to be developed into a destination MTB trail system, and has been promoted in the recent issue of Minnesota Trails magazine. A \$120K grant is being applied for that would allow the construction of a 4 mile competitive loop on the visitor center side.

As usual, volunteers are needed. There is currently 1.5 miles of trail needing manual work at KRP, and help will be needed at Brophy. Mountaineer student athletes can take this chance to gain some volunteer hours towards their athletic letter requirements.

BOBC Spring Gathering:

The 2019 Spring Gathering will be at Raapers basement on Monday evening, April 22nd at 6:30. Kari will arrange, requesting the pasta buffet. Craig will create and EventBrite event for RSVPs, Bryan will send email to membership with link.

Central Lakes Trail Clean Up:

Scheduled for Wednesday May 1st, 5:30 PM at Big Ole. Goal is to clean up litter from McKay Avenue west through town all the way to the Cowdrey bridge. Scott will bring his trailer, ATV to

pull it, garbage bags, and orange vests. Craig will send Remind notice, Bryan will send email notice. Needs to be mentioned at the Spring Gathering.

Bike Rodeo:

The bike rodeo is April 27th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bryan has asked Mark Maloney to do his helmet demo, he agreed (new grandbaby arrival may conflict). Same plan as last several years, with location at the ATCC Law Enforcement building. Will need 6 or 8 volunteers, and Mountaineers student athletes are encouraged to attend for some volunteer hours. Meet at ATCC at 10:45. This activity needs to be mentioned at the Spring Gathering.

Dream Project – Rider Hosting:

Scott volunteered to host a dozen cyclists riding cross country from New Jersey to Portland on Friday, July 12th. They are fundraising for The Dream Project, and will be heading on the Fergus on Saturday.

Board Membership:

Scott made a motion to replace Corey as the Mountaineer Representative with Derek Chinn. Kari seconded. Unanimous approval. Huge thanks to Corey Halstead for his contributions!

Adjourned at 8:06

(submitted by Bryan Swenson)