

Board Meeting – Thursday, April 22nd 2019
Big Ole Bike Club
Raapers Restaurant, Alexandria

Annual Spring Gathering for All Members

Board members present:

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

Other Members present:

- 25+

Overall a great meeting, with lots of good bike related discussions and catching up.
(For future planning we ran out of food on the buffet, and need to work harder on the RSVPs)

Gathered at 6:30, and then Jeff called the meeting called to order at ~7:10 PM

Insurance:

Jeff initiated the discussion and Craig presented details about the new for 2019 club liability insurance, and the member liability and medical insurance. Plenty of discussion from the membership and all comments seemed to be positive.

Trail Cleanup:

Announced that the annual Central Lakes Trail cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday night, May 1st. Bryan will send an email and Craig will use the Remind app to communicate the event.

Bike Rodeo:

The Bike Rodeo will be on Saturday, April 27th at the AATC Law Enforcement building. Members are encouraged to volunteer.

New BOBC Jerseys:

Craig reported on progress of the new jerseys, and indicated that anyone who didn't preorder will have a chance to get one at Jake's.

Group Rides:

Jeff led a significant discussion about group rides. The membership weighed in on how they should be conducted:

- Mellow Monday will revert back to being Monday night, 6:00 PM, at Big Ole. A sign-up sheet was passed around to recruit ride leaders

- Tuesday ride will remain as in the past
- Wednesday gravel ride will remain as in the past, with an organizational meeting happening soon
- Thursday will remain as in the past with an emphasis on “no drop”.
- Saturday morning rides will commence weather permitted
- Mountain bike rides will remain casual as riders dictate
- Fat bike rides will gear back up late next fall on Monday nights, with some possible casual rides before then
- Other casual groups will be getting together, example being day-time women’s ride (Julie S), senior ride (Tim), Twin Cities bike path “tours” (Tony), annual Fargo Cyclothon May 13th (Craig).

Mountaineers:

Head coach Jeff Pokorney, and Assistant Head Coach Derek Chinn laid out the plans for the upcoming Mountaineers season, with practice starting in July, and racing wrapping up end of October. Team growth continues and the outlook is very positive.

Mountain Bike Trail Building:

Jeff B talked about ongoing work at Kensington Runestone Park, and work about to start at Brophy. Very positive news, and the Alexandria area is poised to become a destination area for MTB enthusiasts.

Report from Jake Capistrant of Jake’s Bikes:

Support of the BOBC was obvious as Jake talked about his new location, and the state of cycling overall in the area. His open house will be Saturday May 4th, and Gary Fisher (“father” of mountain biking) will be present. He thanked the club for their support.

Ride of Silence:

Jake said that the annual Ride of Silence will be Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 PM at Big Ole park.

Adjourned at 7:52, with much socializing continuing...

(submitted by Bryan Swenson)