

Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 16th 2019
Big Ole Bike Club
Caribou Coffee North, Alexandria

Board members present:

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

Called to order at ~7:10 PM

Financial Report:

Kari reported that all funds are healthy and in the black.

Nothing has been spent in 2019 regarding member benefits except for paying the individual rider liability/medical coverage. It was decided that the club would subsidize the meal cost for members at the 2019 Fall Gathering.

Trail Building ROC:

Scott and Jeff showed a laminated map of Brophy Park. Printed versions are available at the local bike shops. KRP map is in progress. There is also a printed brochure with info on ROC and AAYC, including donations. Jeff said that the February 2019 grant application for additional trails at KRP has been rejected. However, other funding sources are being investigated. Also, ROC may apply for more grant money for additional trails at Brophy. Overall, Brophy has been the main focus for 2019.

Mountaineers (AAYC):

Derek started off discussing AAYC finances. All bills are paid.

The trailer interior has been upgraded with shelves/racks/hooks and 12v lighting. Thanks for time and material donations to Al Lange and Scott.

We are in the black, with some additional income expected from team participants who haven't yet paid their annual team dues (20+ student athletes).

The board all agreed that reimbursing head coach Pokorney's team related expenses is fine, just as we did in 2018. The board also agreed that if the funding is available Jeff deserves a stipend of \$599. Some type of expense reimbursement and/or stipend for the assistant coach should be considered in the future.

Derek was recognized for his work with the team as assistant head coach, and his ongoing work with the Minnesota League.

Craig mentioned that Mountaineer student athletes helped with the Matt Kjelland 5K. The organizer mentioned that they would schedule the 2020 event around the Mountaineer race

schedule so they could be back. The Mountaineers also helped with the Elementary Fun Color Run. Very well received by the community.

Insurance:

Jeff talked about the huge effort trying to decide on insurance for the AAYC trailer, still in progress.

Scott made a motion that we continue with the individual rider liability/medical coverage, seconded by Kari. Board consensus. Note that no claims have been filed so far in 2019.

Mountain Bike Classes through Community Ed:

Kudos to Derek and Ryan Hughes. The classes were a big hit, with some of the 18 attendees already purchasing mountain bikes.

There is a possibility of doing some winter classes, including bike maintenance. Jake is interested in hosting with Logan and/or Terry instructing. Derek will mention the opportunity to Nate at the Alex Bike Shop.

In spring 2020 MTB 101 and 201 may be offered again.

Fall Gathering:

Kari will check with both the Elks Club and Raapers about hosting the BOBC fall gathering. Tentative date is Monday, November 4th, at 6:30 PM. Pasta Bar first food choice, and we need to make sure we don't run out (like with the Taco Bar at the spring gathering at Raapers). The club will subsidize the per member cost so they end up paying \$5. Craig will set up the Event Brite on-line registration. When details are finalized Bryan will send an email to all members (hopefully the distribution list is up to date).

New Board Position:

Jeff made a motion that we promote Craig from Past President to Communications Director. Derek second. Board consensus. Bylaws confirmed to allow us to add another voting board member.

BOBC Mission Statement:

Jeff led a discussion on our mission. Kari and Craig will look for our current mission statement in our 501 c 3 paperwork. Tabled until next meeting. Jeff suggested the following or later consideration: Big Ole Bike Club aims to promote and develop cycling in Central Minnesota.

BOBC Jerseys:

Kudos to Craig for the excellent work on the popular new jersey design. Kari will check with Jake or Logan about proceeds due back to the club, and the need to re-order.

Possible Alexandria Triathlon in 2020:

Bryan met with Jillian Reiner and Jeff Pokorney regarding the possibility of a triathlon type event at Brophy next summer. Brad Bonk is encouraging this. Since the Glenwood triathlon is now defunct (along with the Alex duathlon and Chain of Lakes tri) it is felt this is a good opportunity to promote Alexandria, and especially Brophy Park. Format would likely be a

paddle (SUP, kayak, canoe, etc) or a swim, followed by a mountain bike ride on single track/trail run or road ride/Central Lakes Trail run. Date would be 1st Saturday in August.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM
(submitted by Bryan Swenson)