

## Big Ole Bike Club 2016 Fall Gathering, November 11, 2016 @ Raaper's

### Agenda:

#### Past year activities;

- Jeff Brand reported on status of Mtn Bike trails being created at Runestone Park and Brophy Park. Currently have a demo trail for all to see and use at Runestone, will be working on creating more trails at Runestone Park on November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. Brophy Park has 130-acres of single track trails created with recommendation of Tim Wagner. Brophy Park was used as a training facility by the Alexandria High School Mountaineer Cycling Team for their first season.
- Cory Halstad, board member and volunteer coach for AAYC, reported on the past season of the Alexandria Area Youth Cycling Mountaineer Team. The High School team finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the state. A HUGE success for finishing 13<sup>th</sup>, but also for each of the kids who participated for so many reasons. A Big thanks to Scott and Rena Dietz for the use of their woods for training and involvement with the team. And, Craig Andrews, Jeff Pokorney, Debra Fredrickson and Jeff Brand as a volunteer coaches. All of this involvement contributed to success of the Mountaineer Cycling Team!  
Cory also talked about the Gravel Grinders and their activities who rode on Wednesday nights using text messaging to contact everyone for ride activities. Are planning Wednesday night rides this winter, lights and warm clothes are required.
- Craig Andrews reviewed BOBC activities for 2016 which (in no particular order) included;
  - Helping at the Bicycle Rodeo
  - Support the MS Tram ride when it came through Alexandria
  - Supported the Lakes Triathlon & and Church of the Harvest Duathlon
  - Stu Olson reported on weekly road rides – he believes this was the best year yet as he rode with 32 different people this season
  - A survey was taken to determine number of miles ridden this year with Kayo Aslagson logging 4250 miles.
  - Roger did his double-Roger ride once again with riding 205 miles in one day, what an accomplishment!
  - A number of riders rode the RAGRI once again this year. Good time was had by all. Would be great to get a large group for next year.
  - Trail clean-up which netted multiple garbage bags in a three-mile stretch

- Light up your ride was a success with many people buying rear flashers provided by Jake at a discount to club members. Along with use of reflective clothing.
- The Gravel Grinders group has joined the BOBC. A great addition to the club by combining both groups.
- Craig has been speaking at various civic groups promoting bicycling and the BOBC.
- Installation of a multi-use fixit station at Big Ole Park has taken place with multiple people and organizations contributing to its cost
- Spin time on Sunday afternoon will once again be held at the YMCA starting in January. Email will be sent out later announcing the first spin date and time.
- Fund raising ideas were brought up which include; a vintage bike ride, Norsman Gravel Mtn Race, Alexandria Bicycle Festival in the Fall, promotional video is being discussed to help with funding of trail development in at Runestone Park and Brophy Park.
- The club is in the process of obtaining the status of a 501c3 organization which will help with funding future projects.
- Jake Capistrant thanked everyone for supporting his business.
  - Jake talked about a Bike Share program for some time in the future. More to come on that later.
  - He also mentioned that volunteers are needed to serve on the Central Lakes Trail Committee which meets once a month in Ashby.
  - Jake was also very gracious in donating 8 - \$20 gift certificates given away at random.
- Kari Burow presented an overview of the club finances.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the ballot listed below. Elections of club officers (to take effect 1/1/17) were conducted with the following results;

- President – Kevin Risner,
- Chair – Scott Dietz,
- Vice Chair – Stu Olson
- Treasure – Kari Burow
- Secretary – Deb Fredrickson
- Motion to adjourn was made and seconded