

### **Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order by Gene Zaworski at 6:30pm.

Board members present were:

- Gene Zaworski, President;
- Tom Drabant, Vice President and Ride Chair;
- Ford Sakata, Secretary;
- Steve Magnino, Program Chair & Member at-large;
- Dorrie Merkel, Membership Chair & Member at-large; and
- Christine Van Dornick, Member at-large

### **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

Gene asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Gene provided the following finance report:

- Savings account: \$21,765.20
- Checking account: \$6,142.47
- Total: \$27,907.67

### **Membership Report (Dorrie)**

Membership renewal is underway but behind. Membership stands at 53 households (2-new for 2014) representing 74 individual members.

### **Ride Report (Tom)**

Tom reported that he is building the 2014 ride schedule and lining up ride leaders. The Board discussed whether Club miles should be credited for rides held by other clubs. After discussion, it was decided that Club miles will only be credited for non-invitational rides if all the following was met:

- The ride must be posted by 6pm the day before;
- The ride must be led by an AHBC member;
- The AHBC sign-in (waiver) form is used; and
- There are more than two (2) AHBC riders (three if out-of state).

Note: rules are different for invitational rides.

Ford provided the Board members with a draft summary of the ride survey results and comments. The results will be discussed further with ride leaders.

### **Old Business**

Bike Rack Building – Gene proposed plans to build our own bike racks on March 16th for the Bike Swap. This would eliminate the need to rent racks each year (~\$200 annually) and truck rental to pick them up. The Board approved spending for the rack building materials not to exceed \$500.

Ride Leader Thank You Meeting – Gene and Tom proposed to hold a thank you pizza party for past and future ride leaders. The meeting would be used to review results of the membership ride survey and proposed ride rules/guidelines. The party was scheduled for February 16th. The Board approved the party and related expenses for food not to exceed \$400.

Bike License Plates - The Board has tentatively agreed to again purchase customized bicycle license plates in 2014 for members. Ford to obtain costs for February meeting. A new design will be created for the license plate.

Club Web-Page – The Board is still exploring options for refreshing our existing Club website. So far, no members have stepped forward with web page design experience. Ford will work with a few members (Kim H., Scott S., Valerie S.) to identify options.

### **New Business**

Finance Review – a recent change to the Club By-Laws requires an "annual review" of Club finances. The Board agreed to ask two members (Mitch P. and Carol R.) to conduct the review as required. An invitation would also be extended to John N.

First Aid Kits for Ride Leaders – Gene opened a discussion to provide basic first aid kits to ride leaders. This is to ensure that someone on the ride has some basic first aid supplies (bandages) for minor injuries. The discussion was tabled so that more cost information could be gathered.

Club Member Participation Trophy – Gene introduced a new trophy for the 2014 season based on member participation in events. We will have a sign-in sheet at all Club events to track member participation. The member with the most participation will be eligible for the award. Board members are not eligible.

### **Important Dates**

- Bike Swap, April 26, 2014
- Arlington 500, May 18, 2014

### **Meeting Adjournment and General Membership Meeting**

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm and the General Membership meeting began.

- During the General Meeting, member Alan Medsker (and Chair of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission) provided a summary of the results of the Village's application to be a Bicycle Friendly Community. The Village's application was not approved but several good recommendations were made. The AHBC Board will review the results to determine if the Club can help the Village.
- Program Topic - Ed Barsotti, Director of the LIB (League of Illinois Bicyclists) provided an overview presentation about LIB and a new online bicycle safety quiz they developed. The presentation was very interesting and entertaining. All members are strongly encouraged to take the online (free) course.

Respectfully submitted,

Ford Sakata,  
Secretary