

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Gene Zaworski at 6:34pm.

Board members present were:

- Gene Zaworski, President;
- Tom Drabant, Vice President and Ride Chair;
- Vince Kelley, Treasurer;
- Ford Sakata, Secretary;
- Paula Matzek, Member at-large;
- Debra Watson, 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 submitted by Christine.

Treasury Report (Vince)

Vince provided the following report:

- Savings account: \$28,753.69
- Checking account: \$5,132.68
- Cash: \$125.35
- Total: \$34,011.72

The Board briefly discussed annual operating expenses which average \$9K plus planned donation expenses and extraordinary expenses (which are not normal). Since the Board's goal is to maintain a minimum of two-years operating expenses on hand, the Club remains in sound financial shape. For this reason, the Board approved annual donations to the following bicycling advocacy groups as follows:

- Active Transportation Alliance - \$1000
- League of Illinois Bicyclists - \$1000
- League of America Bicyclists - \$1000
- Rails to Trails - \$500

Membership Report (Paula)

Membership stands at 166 households (22-new for 2013) representing 220 individual members.

- ~Approximately 30 households had not ridden during the year
- ~ Two-thirds of new households in 2012 renewed for 2013.

Paula confirmed that Dorrie Merkel agreed to be a Membership Chair candidate for the 2014 season.

Ride Report (Tom)

The Board discussed several issues including member feedback about ride postings at the same time; ride leader recruitment; creation of a ride committee and the need for

another ride survey. Tom proposed to schedule a pizza meeting for all 2013 ride leaders and prospective ride leaders to gather feedback, assemble a ride committee and develop ride plans for 2014. Ford collected feedback regarding draft questions for another ride survey to be issued in November. Survey results would also be used by the ride committee when developing ride plans. Tentative plans agreed to as follows:

- Conduct ride survey (Ford to issue in December)
- Assemble ride committee (Tom in early 2014)
- Pizza meeting for ride leaders (Tom in early 2014)

New Business

Club Web-Page – The Board discussed options for refreshing our existing Club website. Options included hiring a designer for roughly \$2K or doing it internally. No decisions were made since additional investigation was necessary.

Holiday Banquet Plans – Paula reviewed the agenda for the banquet and the purchase of awards was approved.

Bike Rack Building – Gene announced plans to build our own bike racks in the spring for the Bike Swap.

Route Marking Signs – The Club will need volunteers in early 2014 to help make route marking signs used for the Arlington 500. An announcement will be sent to the membership once plans are finalized.

Cards and Flowers for Sick, Injured or Deceased Members – There was discussion regarding whether the Club should pay for and send cards and/or flowers to members who were seriously ill, injured or deceased. Opinions were strong and divided on both sides. On one hand, it was felt that sending flowers was the right thing to do for our members. On the other hand, those costs are not consistent with the club charter of supporting cycling. Fairness was also an issue. In the end, no final decision was made due to lack of time.

Thank You – The Board formally thanked Paula Matzek and Debbie Watson for their service as membership chair and program chair respectively.

Important Dates

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

Meeting Adjournment and General Membership Meeting

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm and the General Membership meeting began.

- During the General Meeting, the 2014 slate of Club Officers was UNANIMOUSLY approved by the membership as follows:
 - Gene Zaworski, President
 - Tom Drabant, Vice President and Ride Chair
 - Vince Kelley, Treasurer

- Ford Sakata, Secretary
- Dorrie Merkel, Membership Chair and member at large
- Steve Magnino Program Chair and member at large
- Christine Van Dornick, member at large
- Program Topic - Nancy Wagner of ATA (Active Transportation Alliance) provided an overview presentation about the benefits that ATA provides and examples of how Chicago has benefitted. Attending members received a Chicagoland Cycling map.

Respectfully submitted,

Ford Sakata,
Secretary