

Minutes of the Meeting

February 7, 1981

President, Dave Von Bergen, opened the meeting. There were no new visitors or guests this month, but both visitors from last month have joined the club. We welcomed Jim Andreson and Joan, Also Mike & Mar Miller. The ride schedule is still tentative and will be updated and finalized in the coming month.

M.E. Spirek brought to the club's attention a promising campsite in Oregon, Illinois, which has some fine facilities. It may offer some possibilities for an overnight trip for the club and/or a stop-over place for the trip to Ames, Iowa, to the L.A.W. Convention this summer. M.E. would like to take a group up to look it over.

Volleyball night was set up for this coming Tuesday, February 10, 7:30- We must have 12 people before we can play. There is no charge.

Discussion regarding having a bike swap followed. People from the club and the community will submit bikes and biking equipment to be swapped and the club would get 10-15% of the sale price. It will be held the same day as our invitational and the day preceding it, May 16 and 17th, in order to take advantage of the crowd of serious bikers that attend our invit ationals and also draw the community on the day preceding. Advertizing would be through the flyers on our ride, Park District publications, in the schools, etc. Every club member would be expected to work, either the 2 days prior to the swap, setting up the display, pricing, organizing--the 2 days of the swap, manning the cash register, security, etc.--and the 2 days after, doing the bookkeeping. The club will assume no responsibility for the loss or damage of any merchandise. It will be so stated on the tickets given to the people who bring items to sell. If the item is of great value, the person selling it must understand that he, himself, should stay there to sell it. Overnight security between dates of the swap will involve the larger items going to private homes and the smaller things being locked the the building at red. park. It was suggested that we repeat the swap during Frontier Days to get a larger clientel, but problems of security would be greater and the crowds of people would make test riding the bikes less feasible. Also, much of the membership may be gone, enroute to the L.A.W. Convention and therefore there would be a manpower shortage. People bringing items should have them already priced.

Dave VonBergen brought up the possibility of getting a Park District bus to go on an outing to the bicycle races at Northbrook this summer. Datē and fee will be set later.

A vote was taken to amend Article I of the club constitution, changing the name of the club from Arlington Heights Park District Bicycle Association to Arlington Heights Bicycle Association. Ayes carried.

Discussion ensued regarding amending Article IV of the Constitution, involving raising the price of dues. It was felt that a dues increase was necessary because of escalating prices, havēng a very small balance currently in the treasury leaving us no capital to pay deposits on the bus charter for our week-long trips, advance expenses to put on the invitational ride, etc.

Motion was made by Tess Popp to increase both family and individual memberships by \$1.00 each. No second to the motion and no vote. Further discussion of subjects not to the point followed, such as whether we should establish a budget for the year, why there was not a budget at this time, whether records of expenditures were being kept in sufficient detail, cash on hand being kept at \$300-\$400 in past years and over-subsidizing bringing the current cash on hand to a low level, Tom Masters moved that dues be increased to \$5.00 for an individual membership and \$8.00 for a family membership and to do away with the difference in the rate for renewal vs. new memberships. Art Levine seconded. Motion defeated. Consensus was that it was too large a jump. M.E. Spirek moved that they be increased to \$4.00 and \$6.00 respectively, and do away with the renewal vs. new membership differences. Herb Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

George Vassos proposed changing the policy of having the dues due one year from date of joining to having a fixed time when everyone's dues would be due at the same time. Discussion followed. A disadvantage to this method is that there is a heavy influx of cash at one period and then none the rest of the year. Those joining the club at a later time would have to have their fees prorated on a quarterly basis. When membership chairman, Jeanie Gain was asked which method she preferred to operate under, she preferred the present method. Motion was withdrawn.

Discussion was begun for a new logo for the club. It was pointed out that we just reordered patches and have 200 in stock of the old logo. Discussion was tabled until those 200 or so patches are used. Meanwhile the membership is to continue to think of new designs and submit them to the President for future consideration.

Plans for the ride to the L.A.W. Convention are as follows:

Participate in the July 4th Arlington Heights Parade and plan to be finished about 11 a.m.

Depart Arlington Heights directly after parade to Oregon IL	70mi.
Oregon to Savannah IL	on Sunday 50 mi.
Savannah to ? IA	on Monday 65 mi.
? to Marshalltown	on Tuesday 90 mi.
(or split into 2 days	
Marshalltown to Ames	on Wed. (or Thursday) 70 mi.

Return trip will be made in vans or cars brought by non-riders or perhaps a bus. Sign-up list of those interested to be filled out after meeting.

Three different plans for the week long trip were suggested. Dottie Tockey presented a route in northern Wisc., driving up in cars and vans or bus, making a circular route and returning by motor vehicle. Second plan was to take a train from Arlington Heights to LaCrosse, back to AH via Dubuque, Galena, Rockford, taking about 7 days, 325 mi. and \$75. Plan provides for staying in a motel the first night and camping the rest of the nights, and 2 group meals, one early in the trip and one toward the end. The third suggestion was to repeat the route of the Milk Run, a 7 day trip of approx. 400 miles, beginning in Arl Hts. and biking a circular route through Lake Geneva, Edgerton, Monroe, Galena, LeAquane ?, Rockford, and back to AH. Cost would be approx. \$3 (cheaper because no public transportation would be involved.) This incl. cost of 2 group meals. Terrain would be challenging enough for those who wish it. Vote was 1 to 9 to 12 respectively for the trips. Our week long trip for summer of 1981 will be the Milk Run. Probably date will be Aug. 8-16, Saturday to Saturday.

Sign up sheet is available for TOSRV. Registration is \$20.00 and should be sent in immediately upon receipt of registration form. Estimated cost of total weekend is about \$53.00.

Bob Jensen reported that ride leaders are still needed for many of our summer rides. Responsibilities include laying out a route and drawing a map, and there are people in the club who can help you in this if you do not know how.

Jeanie Gain provided a delicious, beautiful valentine cake for refreshments. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Masters
Co-secretary

Balloon Ride - scratch (call to check ^{balloon conditions} ~~in the~~ ~~to~~)

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