

Prairie Cycle Club
Board meeting minutes from 12/18/2013

Present: Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Richard Brannon, Sue Jones
(Meeting held at Pizza M Restaurat, Urbana)

Absent: Charlie Smyth, Lisa Ellis

Agenda/Discussion:

January Granfondue/Darwin event: Will be held at Parasol Record if there's no conflict with Geoff Merritt. John will talk to Geoff. Grandfondue is the potluck dinner and the Darwin is the ride--1/26 seems to be the best weekend because Superbowl is 2/4 and the Martin Luther King Holiday occurs on the 1/19

Budget: Deficit from 2013 budget was \$-306. \$7454.73 is the current balance in the PCC account. Charlie has concerns about signmeup fees. We are considering a migration of our accounts to paypal. 2%. Tie paypal to a credit card. Sue moved and Bob seconded for approving the 2014 budget. Budget was passed unanimously. We are projecting a balanced budget for next year. This budget includes a proposed donation for the Kickapoo trail project. We can provide sweat equity and expertise for the Kickapoo Trail project. There might be some budget surprises but we have a cushion to cover potential financial shortfalls. Reminders for 990 IRS-4/15/14, pay insurance, ride insurance, web fee, post office box 1/15/14, CUAP Ride Insurance paid in August.

Happy Hours; Radio Maria second Friday of each month. Start in January from 5:00-7:00. John will send out an email.

CUAP volunteer suggestions; think of ideas for bringing more people for volunteers into CUAP. Bring in other outside groups?? more discussion at the next meeting.

Ride Leaders. \$20 Espresso Royale gift cards for 2013 club ride leaders. Frank motion for the gift cards, seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously. Here were the ride leaders from last year: Jim Witte and Anne Robin Monday ride, Tuesday morning Ed Bondurant, John Prince Tues afternoon. Wednesday-Peter Davis, Thur. no ride, Fri no ride, Sat. Sue Jones Sat. Saunter, Rick Francis-. 7 gift cards Richard Brannon will buy the cards.

Kickapoo Trail, Benevolence,. will distribute the gift cards at the kickoff membership meeting in April.

Membership meeting tentative-coordinate meeting with Second Wind Running Club if possible for Tuesday April 8, 2014 at Jupiter's at the Crossing 5:30-7?

Motion to adjourn at 6:41, seconded and approved

Next Meeting: Wed Jan 15, 2014. at Pizza M in Urbana.

Prairie Cycle Club
Minutes from General Membership Meeting and Holiday Party 12/1/2013

Meeting and Party held at the Great Impasta

Board Members Present: Michael Fuerst, Frank Modica, Bob Morris, Charley Smythe, John Prince

Board Members Absent: Richard Brannon and Sue Jones

Agenda:

General Membership Meeting Called to Order by John Prince at 7:15 pm

Motion to change by-laws to add 2 at-large voting members to the PCC Board. Moved by John Prince and seconded by Barlow. Passed by general membership voice vote.

Nomination from the floor for Lisa Ellis as at at-large member. Seconded by Bob Morris. approved by voice vote.

Current PCC board has one remaining year for their terms. No resignations, so the current board will continue in office for one more year:

John Prince: President	Charlie Smyth: Treasurer
Richard Brannon: Membership	Frank C Modica: Secretary
Sue Jones: Publicity	Bob Morris: Activities
Michael Fuerst: Website	

Treasurer's Report by Charlie.

Budget 2013-2014. Current Bank Balance \$7518.23

Membership dues: \$15.00 Individual, \$20.00 family

35 people registered for the PCC Holiday party

29 people attended the party

Frank moved to accept the report and seconded by Bob Morris.

Discussion about PCC support for the Kickapoo Bike Trail. There will be a Century Bike ride; sponsored by CCFPD and it will occur on 9/20/2014; the ride will start at Middle Fork Forest Preserve and end at Kickapoo

Proposal for PCC to financially support this ride. We can vote on support for the ride at the next membership meeting on 4/15/2014. There will be a kickoff event for the trail ride on 5/4/214.

In response to question from a member, PCC will continue CUAP to coincide with the Sweetcorn Festival.

Margie raised a concern about a deficit in the current budget. John and Charlie explained that we made a onetime kickstart contribution to Lifecykke and a three year advertising charge to the area bike map at the non-profit rate. Charlie issued a revised report which showed a deficit of \$510 for 2013 after he moved the 2014 charge for web server services to the 2014 budget.

PCC had not made a benevolent contribution is several years and did so at the behest of a former board member. This contribution was approved at the membership meeting last April.

We will need money to cover potential deficits with future rides.

Next year we could donate \$1,000 to the Kickapoo Trail Project. Charlie has factored that donation into the budget for next year, which he projects will be a balanced budget.

Charlie will have a final financial report for this year's budget after all the bills and checks come-can report at the 4/15/2014 general membership meeting.

Frank moved to end the meeting. seconded. ended at 7:30 pm

Next Board Meeting: January 21, 2014

Prairie Cycle Club
Board meeting minutes from 11/13/2013

Present: Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince and Richard Brannon, Sue Jones. Guests: Mary Ellen Wuellner-CCFPD, Lisa Sprinkle-CCFPD

Absent:

Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

balance is \$7656.15

Bob Morris-receipts totaling \$136.98 for the picnic lunch at Homer Lake--\$7519.17

PCC Participation in Kickapoo Trail Ride

John introduced Mary Ellen Wuellner and Lisa Sprinkle of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District administration who asked for Prairie Cycle Club help in organizing a first ride, in what is hoped to become an annual event, to promote bicycling on the Kickapoo Trail between the Middle Fork Forest Preserve district and Kickapoo State Park. The ride would be a benefit for the trail--charge fee for entry ~\$20-25 and a family rate. The proposed date for the ride is mid September, with Middle Fork Forest Preserve or Homer Lake serving as the staging point for the ride. Don't want the ride to compete with the Bike the Bridges Ride (10/5) or the Wabash County Ride or Capital City Ride in Springfield. CCFPD staff would be involved with the ride if it doesn't occur on the Labor Day Holiday.

Discussion moved to initial ideas for the ride: a short family ride, with some attention to non ride events within Middle Fork Forest Preserve; a medium length ride; and a long ride along the Kickapoo Trail to Kickapoo State Park, and possibly beyond. Other activities would include alternative activity at Middle Fork for families that want to participate but don't want to do the ride--perhaps a bike rodeo. CCFPD could also do a naturalist's talk after a short ride. Safe Rides people could run the bike rodeo.

Publicity for the ride could include LIB calendar, Mike Bentley and NG article from Jodie Heckel.

Discussion also included details about setting up the ride: the ride will need rest stops along the route. PCC knows how to set up SAG stops, we've used Casey's as rest stops. We could also contact people in Vermilion County to assist with Sag Stops. Would need SAG vehicles on the road--a car dealership loaner has been used by PCC. ride insurance from PCC--Pay fee for non-members for insurance rider. through LIB-American Specialty Insurance.

Planning for holiday dinner

The holiday party and dinner will be for continuing membership, new members and guests. Bob Morris will write the RSVP for the party and John will send it out.

Richard Brannon will send out invitations for party on 11/14--two separate letters--One invitation to new people who haven't been members or are lapsed members and a second letter to current members

Sue Jones will do the signup as a google docs document.

\$10 for members and guests--continuing or new members

invitations sent will be sent out to CCB and Buffalo Running Group, and UC BIKE RIDE

Next Meeting: 12/1/2013 Sunday at the holiday party

**Prairie Cycle Club
Board meeting minutes from 4 Sep 2013**

Present: John Prince, Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, Charlie Smyth, and Richard Brannon

Absent: Sue Jones

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Agenda/Discussion:

Treasurer's Report:

Imprecise budget numbers because we don't have all the receipts for CUAP:

Current balance 6890, with approximately \$100 to be paid out

Once additional CUAP registrations recovered from signmeup.com, expected balance should be approximately \$7500

2013 CUAP EVALUATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR 2014 CUAP

CUAP 94 non member riders

38 member riders

We will reach out to non-members who rode CUAP and recruit them for PCC--input info from CUAP and email them

Negative feedback and suggested changes *(in blue italics)*

Some people complained about visibility of marks. Yellow paint didn't show up very well. The coloring of the road marks was a problem and some marks were lost in the intersections

Gravel was a problem for visibility. *More signs needed on roads with gravel*

Use white paint for road signs next year; white for directions and orange for gravel warnings.

Use more paint and make the marks bigger. put marks in right wheel track.

More pavement marking throughout the course and also for coming into and going out of town

Mark every 2 miles. Some people felt the marking was sketchy--not enough.

Every change of direction had three markers.

For straight through roads no marks were necessary..

Cue sheets automatically generated from mapmyride

Cut off ride starts at 9:30 instead of 10:00. later starts couldn't end in time to Crystal Lake Park

Proposed loop for Lake of the Woods pathway east of Rt 47 but not in the park – loop from Prairieview Road to about 1/2 mile west in a much more pleasant route & accessible in case of an emergency.

Propose adding another rest stop at Ford/Harris park next year for the 65 mile route--

but rest stop at Ford-Harris. Would require another work crew and we had trouble getting enough volunteers.

Parasol wasn't well utilized this year for bike parking/storage during CUAP.

Suggestion for starting CUAP next year from Parasol. need to look at parking situation around Parasol.

Also could end the ride at Parasol while starting at Crystal Lake Pavilion.

Need to reserve Crystal Lake Pavilion soon if we want to use it next year.

Charlie will check with Geoff Merritt about availability of Parasol next year for CUAP

Add third loop for folks who want to do a century: Sangamon River or Homer Lake

RIDER APPRECIATION RIDE

Sun. 10/13 Rider Appreciation Ride to Homer Lake Meet 12-1pm at Meadowbrook Park
Sandwiches chips for lunch. Last year from Subway on South Philo Rd. We picked up the order.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Holiday party Sunday night 12/1 at Great Impasta start at 6:00 pm. Cash bar. John will talk to Harold

INVITATION LISTS FOR Rider Appreciation Ride and Holiday Party

Richard will put together invitation list for Holiday party and Rider Appreciation non-members who attended CUAP.

MIGRATION OF ACCOUNTS FROM SIGNMEUP TO PAYPAL

Paypal Account for membership instead of signmeup. will start soon

Michael investigating paypal for options with different screens

Richard will withdraw money (mostly CUAP registrations) from signmeup account.

signmeup posting for money slow.

paypal much cheaper option

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Next Meeting: Wed 11/13 5:45 @ Atlanta Bread Company

Prairie Cycle Club

Board meeting minutes from 6/26/2013

Present: Frank Modica, Robert Morris, John Prince, Richard Brannon, Sue Jones, and Charlie Smyth

Absent: Michael Fuerst

Meeting was called to order at 5:53

Previous Minutes Approval: A motion was called for to approve the minutes of the preceding meeting. Moved by Bob and seconded by Sue

Agenda/Discussion:

Treasurer's Report. \$7303.98 on hand. \$35 reimbursement to Frank for the Bike Summit meeting in Normal .

Bike Project North--Lifecyckle--contribution for \$1000 to support Lifecyckle already approved but we needed agreement so \$ goes into projects that directly to contributes to Lifecyckle. John and Charlie are authorized to sign off on the agreement with Lifecyckle. Rafiki-Ali has receipts for what he's already spent out of his own pocket.

CUAP:

We need someone stationed at Sweetcorn Festival. Also need to find space for bike parking.

Courier Cafe basement a possibility? Charlie will call Allen Strong about using the Courier Cafe basement for parking bikes during CUAP. routes--

Sue can lead the short in-town ride.

John will stay at the Pavilion at Crystal Lake Park.

Changes in route. making some minor modifications to routes for better accessibility and safety and variety.

Volunteers: Rest stops at Casey's St. Joe, Casey's at Mahomet. Bob will do sag. need markings for returning people from Sweet Corn Festival in Downtown Urbana to the Pavilion at Crystal Lake Park. Last year people were confused when the ride ended at the Sweetcorn Festival; they didn't know how to get back to the Pavilion at Crystal Lake Park.

Matt Cho wants to encourage people to ride bikes around town.

Cue sheets will be prepared for the routes

"Beta" test the route before August and revisit it just before the ride. mark the route 3 days before the ride.

Safety signs available for motorists to make them aware of the bike ride

Ride brochures one month in advance to distribute to bike shops in Decatur, Springfield, and Bloomington.

sponsors sent out and Bob has approached sponsors (carle) next week to get a commitment from them.

Durst, Champaign Cycle--\$50 cash and \$50 gift certificate for door prizes. Bob will check with them about their contributions.

Bell Sports--a possibility? Dana Schwarz is a contact person John and another board member should meet Dana. John will try to contact Dana.

Tables for CUAP--Need two table for each rest stop. Make list of resources available across groups.

One Coffee maker. one folding table.

Regarding support for CUAP--sponsorship in general and advertising.

Charlie distributed copies of the CCB Champaign-Urbana bike map. PCC is one of the sponsors for the map. Suggestion to add motion markers for autos on the maps.

Charlie moved and Frank seconded to buy coffee maker and one folding table. Bob will shop for the table and coffee urn. Charlie will reimburse monies spent by Bob.

meeting over 6:58.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17th at Atlanta Bread at 5:45 PM. All club members are invited to attend.

**Prairie Cycle Club
Board meeting minutes from 4/17/2013**

Present: Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince and Richard Brannon,. Sue Jones

Absent: none

Call to Order 5:45 pm

Agenda/Discussion:

Approval of March 2013 minutes--motion by Michael Fuerst, second by Bob Morris approved.

Treasurer's report

\$7014 balance

2013 Projections based on last year's numbers

\$3738 recurring annual expenses
income of \$4400

2013 Contributions

CU Bike Map \$500 (reoccurs triennially)

The Bike Project (TBP) \$1000 requested to help

set up it's 3rd location, somewhere north of University Avenue

Ride report: no rides yet because they have been rained out up to this point. Rain all this week. Bike accident this week but no serious injuries. poor riding dynamics contributed to accident. web page suggestions for group riding. Will have a blurb about suggested group riding. ride leader responsibilities listed for group rides.

Marathon: no rides 4/27.

Illinois Bike Summit Wed 5/15 Normal: Bike advocacy. propose 2 people attend. authorize payment \$35. Charlie motion and Sue seconded motion to authorize \$70 John Prince and Frank Modica at \$35each to attend.

Ride to Work Month: whole bike month. May 1 bike to work day May 8 bike to school, and bike to the market every Saturday in May to Market at the Square in Lincoln Square starting from Meadowbrook .

Ride of Silence: Wed 5/15 7:00 PM Hand out PCC informational flyers at the ride.

Increase membership--flyers at Market at the Square to recruit members
Press release for CU Bike to work activity on May1--PCC.

CUAP ideas to recruit volunteers: need volunteers for the activity. need more people to work. Saturday 8/24. possible incentives for more volunteers. any other publicity for the ride?

Expenses for CUAP: facility rental (already paid when facility was rented at the end) food and related expenses (signs, posters), insurance ride brochures Illinois Cyclists-- include CUAP.

Motion to close meeting.

Next Meeting: Wed, MAY 22. Change venue for the meeting

Prairie Cycle Club Board Minutes
13 March, 2013

Attending: John Prince, Richard Brannon, Charlie Smyth, Sue Jones, Bob Morris

Absent: Michael Fuerst, Frank Modica

John convened the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Treasurer's report: Charlie reported \$7618.23 in checking account, with checks written from the last meeting all cleared. Richard presented expenses for reimbursement totaling \$169.50 (\$160 for gift certificates to eight ride leaders, the balance for printing membership forms). Charlie noted that the board has approved \$250 for support of the Bike to Work Week project as well as \$500 for bike route maps of Champaign-Urbana, both of which are awaiting expense. Charlie asked for authorization to pay club contribution to League of Illinois Bicyclists for last year (late payment) and for the current calendar year. Motion to pay by Charlie, second by Bob; all aye. Then followed discussion as to compiling a list of regular anticipated expenses, to be incorporated in the annual budget.

Vision Statement as to the club's general purposes and for inclusion in the revised bike routes/trails map now being updated by Champaign County Bikes should emphasize: 1) Recreational riders with a social reach, with the latter meaning 2) the club's support of bicycle advocacy, racing and bike education groups.

Club liability insurance: Discussion then followed as to available options for purchasing insurance. Charlie moved to approve buying up to \$350 of insurance for the club and its officers; second Sue; all aye.

John closed the meeting at 7 PM., with the date of the next meeting to be determined after the club's pre-season ride party/meeting on April 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Morris
secretary pro tem

Prairie Cycle Club
Board meeting minutes from February 20, 2013

Present: Sue Jones, Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince and Richard Brannon, Charlie Smyth

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Previous Minutes Approval A motion was called for to approve the minutes of the preceding meeting. Moved by Michael, seconded by Bob; all Aye.

Agenda/Discussion

John asked if *moving the meeting time* for subsequent meetings to 5:45 PM would be acceptable. It was.

Preseason Membership Meeting: April 2d from 6 to 8 at Jupiter's at the Crossing.

2013 Ride Leaders:

Confirmed for 2013 season

Rick Francis for Sat level 3 from Meadowbrook,
John Prince Level 3 from Meadowbrook on Tues.,
Peter Davis Tues level 1 from Champaign Cycle,
Sue Jones Sat 1-2 ride from Meadowbrook,
Jim Witte 6:00 pm Mon Savoy Rec Center Level 2,
Anne Robin Level 2 from Savoy Rec on Mon, and
Ed Bondurant Tues am from Hessel Park,

Jay Jiminez is unavailable this year.

Ride Leaders receive a free Club membership but must complete and sign the membership/waiver form.

2012 Ride Leader Rewards

A vote was taken to reward last year's (2012) eight ride leaders with a \$20 gift certificate from Espresso Royale. John Prince and Sue Jones recused themselves from the vote because they were/are ride leaders. Frank moved and Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

2013 Rides:

Rides will start the week of April 14th. Bob is going to put the ride schedule in the News-Gazette for the repeating daily event calendars.

Bob will check with Savoy Rec Center about using facility as a starting point for the Monday ride.

Vision Statement: We will discuss a vision statement at next board meeting. The vision statement could be incorporated in the blurb on the CCB map. deadline for vision statement: John will propose language through email. Recreational Riders with a Social Reach.

CUAP:

CUAP is scheduled for August 24th, same day as Sweet Corn Festival.. The ride will leave from Crystal Lake Park pavilion. Bob has already reserved the outdoor structure for the event, and will (a) start looking for sponsors, (b) incorporate CUAP into Mike Bentley's schedule, (c) check with BRIN (BIKE RIDES IN INDIANA) about listing CUAP info in their schedules.

Fees: Pre-registration \$10 for PCC members & \$15 for non-members. Day of ride: \$15/\$20

Change in price from last year for CUAP moved by Frank and seconded by Bob so we can get the information to various ride bulletin boards such as BRIN and Mike Bentley as early as possible to improve publicity for our ride, and promote a tie in between the ride and the Sweet Corn festival. Promote CUAP with various community rides in CU.

Bike to Work Day: The Board, via email exchanges/discussions from Jan 17-24 unanimously agreed to contribute \$250 to Bike to Work Day, which is being coordinated by Champaign County Bikes (CCB) <http://www.cubiketowork.com/>

National Bike to Work Month. Champaign County Bikes coordinating with Savoy, Urbana, MTD, Champaign, and UIUC.

5/1 Bike to Work Day

5/4 Bike to Market Day. CCB will issue press release about Bike to the Market.

CCB requested PCC lead some rides on 5/4 from Meadowbrook to Lincoln Square.

Four Saturdays in May publicity at Urbana Farmer's Market.

5/8 Bike to School Day. and Safe Routes to School.

There will be a call for volunteers for Bike to Work Day.

PCC Account Balances: \$7837.14 as of 2/20/2013. \$7798.01 as of 1/14/2013

Membership to League of American Bicyclists (LAB): \$100? moved by Frank and seconded by Sue. Passed.

Happy hour: The next Happy hour is scheduled for February 22nd from 5-7 PM at Radio Maria's. We will send out an e-mail and Facebook notification to everyone before the event.

CCB Bike Map: Charlie talked about the CCB bike map third edition. CCB looking for more sponsors. PCC Board authorized up to \$500 for an ad and a blurb about PCC on the map which will include our vision statement.

Adverts for web page: We have received several requests to publicize events, shops and touring companies. We can publicize on our web site and/or Facebook page local rides, regional rides, and fund-raisers with a bicycling theme organized by businesses or non-profits. We will neither accept paid advertising nor announce tours by for-profit companies on either our web site or Facebook page. We will list business organizers and, when appropriate, business sponsors of local non-profit and charitable bicycling events.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 13th at Atlanta Bread at 5:45 PM. All club members are invited to attend.

**Minutes from PCC Board Meeting
January 16, 2013**

Present: Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Richard Brannon. Sue Jones, Frank Modica

Absent: Robert Morris

Agenda/Discussions

Preseason Membership Meeting: Tentative March 28th from 6 to 8 at Jupiter's at the crossing. *(Subsequently changed via email discussions to April 2.)*

Darwin Ride or Granfondeu: tentatively February 10th at 2 pm. optional ride at 12:00PM and a club pot luck fat 2:00PM. We can hold it at the site of Parasol Records on Griggs St. in Urbana pending confirmation from the owner of that location. Charlie or John will check if this site is ok for the Ride/party..

Ride Leaders: Rick Francis, John Prince, Peter Davis, Sue Jones, Jim Witte, Anne Robin, and Ed Bondurant have confirmed for this season. Jay Jiminez still needs to be contacted. Ride Leaders receive a free Club membership but must complete and sign the membership/waiver form.

Rides: Rides will start the week of April 14th. Bob is going to put the ride schedule in the News-Gazette.

Vision Statement: We will discuss a vision statement on the next board meeting. The vision statement could be incorporated in the blurb on the CCB map.

Benevolence: authorized \$1000 to support the Bike Project North for providing bike services to the North End of Champaign-Urbana.

Discounted Dues: Household memberships will remain at \$20. \$10 dues for students and members of associated bike organizations such as Wild Card Racing, The Bike Project, and CCB. People can also request a waiver of fees because of financial need.

CUAP: CUAP is scheduled for August 24th. The ride will leave from Crystal Lake Park pavilion. Bob has already reserved the outdoor structure for the event. Bob will start looking for sponsors. Same day as Sweet Corn Festival.

Signmeup.com: We are using this web site for membership on-line sign ups. Richard is revising the printable membership form and the Board members will review it before printing it up for distribution to local bike shops, membership meetings/parties, and other bike-related activities.

Facebook: We will use Facebook more and more to relate information. There will be some more pictures posted as well as our Logo being placed on site. John and Sue will work on this project. Michael will take primary responsibility for updating the club web page.

Document Storage: Richard shared the login and password for Google Drive so we can access PCC documents on online. Charlie will research mint.com as an alternative for uploading financial information online. Currently we use quickbooks.

Bike to work day: Bike to work day is Wed., May 1. There will be more events for a month-long Bike to Work during May. We will update brochures to place at all the ride stations and also update information on the websites. Volunteers will be needed to staff the stations. ***The Board, via subsequent email exchanges/discussions from Jan 17-24 unanimously agreed to contribute \$250 to Bike to Work Day, which is being coordinated by Champaign County Bikes (CCB) <http://www.cubiketowork.com/>***

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