# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 12/18/2014

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

Absent: Charlie Smyth

#### Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting called to order 6:11 pm 33 people signed up for 2015

Membership meeting possible sites: Manzella's, Biaggi's, and Minneci's. We checked out Minneci's after the meeting and decided to go with it. The manager, Rob Meister, indicated that January 25 is available. Dinner will be a buffet with salad, three entrees, and bread. Total cost \$17.00 includes tip and tax. Cost for members \$10.00. PCC will pick up the rest of the cost. Soft drinks included in the price. Alcohol and desserts are a la carte.

Schedule for the dinner:

6:00 pm Happy Hour and socializing

Dinner 6:30

Membership meeting after dinner

Sue posted a google docs signup sheet for the January 25th meeting and dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$7000

Officer's Slate for 2015 President: John Prince Treasurer. Charlie Smyth

Activities: Jim and Barb Wyromski Membership: Richard Brannon

Secretary: Frank Modica Publicity: Daniella Birch

There was a detailed email discussion this week about rewards for last year's ride leaders. John moved that we give rider leaders a gift certificate from Einstein bagels because they help sponsor CUAP. Email motion was seconded by Bob Morris. Charlie suggested that we poll ride leaders, and also noted that other choices would would be helpful for ride leaders who might be gluten sensitive or intolerant. Rich Furr, Sue Jones, and Peter Davis--ride leaders from 2014-liked Einstein Bagels. 3 clear-cut yes votes for Einstein Bagels from board members Sue, Frank, and John. As of 2:16 pm 12/31/2014, no clearcut decision about ride leader rewards.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2015 for membership meeting, election of officers, and belated holiday party

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 11/12/2014 Held at Parasol Records, 303 W Griggs, Urbana

Present: Robert Morris, Frank Modica, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Sue Jones

Also attending: Ed Bondurant, Danielle Birch, and Nina Chanlin

Absent: Richard Brannon, Charlie Smyth

# Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting began at 6:45 pm.

FM moved to approve the notes from the last meeting. Sue seconded, approved

#### Nominations for PCC board 2015

Treasurer: Charlie Smyth

Membership: Richard Brannon

President: John Prince

Activities: Barb and Jim Wryrozumski

Secretary: Frank Modica At Large: Nina Chanlin Publicity: Danielle Birch

Communications: Michael Fuerst

#### **Treasurer's notes:**

- a. Reimbursed Bob Morris for Homer Lake picnic (check's in the mail)
- b. Two renewals on paypal and my own family renewal
- c. Chase has \$6855.62, Paypal has \$294.62 for total of \$7150.24

# Thank You's

- a. Suggestion for some way of recognizing people who've served and benefited the cycling community in CU. Possible people include Peter Davis, Geoff Merritt, --one person a year Action item to consider.
- b. Bob suggested we send a letter of thanks Ken Knapus Somerset Township Supervisor. He was very helpful arranging the rest stop at Ford-Harris park. Richard has the address

**Holiday Party:** John has tried contact Harold for Great Impasta but no response. If Harold doesn't respond by Friday, we will contact Pizza M as an alternative location for the party.

Motion to end the meeting 7:47

**Next Meeting:** Dec 7 at the Holiday Party. We will nominate and elect the next PCC board

Notes respectively submitted by Frank C Modica

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 10/15/2014 Held at Black Rock Pizza, Lincoln Square, Urbana

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

Absent: Richard Brannon

#### Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting called to order at 6:50

### Treasurer's report:

Chase Account: \$7026.02 Paypal Account: \$280.36

Total: \$7306.28

#### **CUAP**

122 riders for CUAP this year. Lots of volunteers.

Weather was a constant threat. Having Parasol as a base with very helpful.

Rest stop at Ford Harris was good. East route next year; suggest change to incorporate Ford Harris as a rest stop.

Paint came from Bonnie. Problems with painted signs because of gravel. We can use extra PCC road signs for helping with the route. We would need volunteers to pick up the signs after the ride.

Pizza party helped motivate volunteers.

John contacted Richard Vonnegut while at the Hilly Hundred. develop relationships with bike people from Indiana

Richard Vonnegut Indiana Trails Fund PO Box 402 Indianapolis, IN 46206-0402 237-9348 C (317) 440-9069

#### **Member Appreciation Ride**

Rider appreciation ride on Sunday.

Bob contacted Subway on the phone pre-order on Friday. He can pick up on Sunday. Also contacted Schnuck's. bags of chips, soda pop, and water from CUAP.

John will lead the longer/faster group and Sue will lead the slower/shorter group.

food ready at 1:30. assemble at Meadowbrook park 12:30

#### Need slate for PCC officers.

Suggestions

President--either Charlie or Frank--

Treasurer John Prince

Secretary

Membership Richard Brannon-

Activity

Communications-Daniela Birch

Charlie Smyth--John will talk to Charlie regarding president or some other position.

Barb/Jim Wyromski--Sue will talk to them Richard Brannon--Frank will ask Richard Sue talked to Susie Pierce about becoming an officer. Bob and John will be stepping down and won't run for an office this year.

**Next happy hour** for PCC-weekend Friday October 24 at Radio Maria **Holiday Party** at Great Impasta Sunday, 12/7. John will contact Harold.

meeting called at 7:34.

Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov 19 2014

Respectively submitted by Frank C Modica

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 8/20/2014 @ Black Rock Pizza

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

Absent: Michael Fuerst, Richard Brannon, Lisa Ellis

# Agenda/Discussion:

Finalizing plans for CUAP:

**Parking** We will use 5 signs to direct drivers to the Grigg's parking site. We don't want people to park in the Silver Creek Lot. Bob has the signs. Signs at Race and Griggs,

Can't access parking from Springfield/Main Street because of the Sweetcorn Festival.

**Banner:** We will place the banner in front of Parasol. Suggestions: Put it on the building or suspend on frame. Or suspend between two canopies set up outside.

Registration outside. People can go inside if they need to buy anything. Geoff Merritt will have bike related snacks available. Paypal connection Charlie will check it Thursday at Parasol.

**Breakfast** inside Parasol. do we need extension cords and power strips? John will bring mini-fridge to Parasol. enough coolers for Parasol and all the rest-stops. Bob has urns for coffee

and will brew coffee Saturday. two mini-fridges at Parasol. John will bring another mini-fridge.

Bob will buy ice for Ford-Harris and Parasol Saturday morning.

Buy ice from Casey's at the Mahomet and St. Joe rest-stops

set up tablecloths at Parasol and the rest-stops.

Charlie will check at Parasol Thursday, set up Parasol Friday night

**Marking the Routes:** Thur 8:00am meetup for marking the three routes

5 people to do the marking of the routes.

Bob mark the short route

and two teams of 2 each to mark the other routes. John, Frank, Charlie, and Ellen H will do the other two routes.

caution signs for Ford-Harris and Market/Prospect and Ford-Harris/Olympian.

Bob will take the caution signs to Parasol Thur.

Bob will prepare sponsor sheet for registration, display sponsor sheets at each of the rest-stops.

John will route maps in B/W

Nina will pick up the perishables.

#### **Next Meeting:**

9/17 Black Rock Pizza at 5:45 pm

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 7/16/2014 @ Black Rock Pizza

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

**Absent :** Lisa Ellis, Michael Fuerst

**Agenda / Discussion:** Meeting called to order 5:48 pm.

Meeting notes-Bob moved to accept notes from June meeting, seconded by Frank. Approved.

#### **CUAP**

Richard suggested we keep a list of people who signed up for CUAP in previous years so we can contact them for future rides.

Bob said Durst will provide a gift certificate and check for CUAP.

We might need to reroute traffic to Parasol and the parking for CUAP participants if road construction gets delayed; problem from Race to Griggs give people the location and put up location signs on the day of the ride..

Crystal Lake Pavilion?

Treasurer's Report-insurance ride for CUAP-check handled by Charlie.

CUAP-mechanic at start of the ride? Ask people from Neutral Cycle. Charge for materials and we will accept checks

paypal for payment options during CUAP. Email address to send receipt from Paypal. set up table with pens and registration for membership. make sure handwritten registration is legible. Jeff and Charlie can bring tables for registration.

Charlie will give Somer township a check. John will contact Ford Harris Park-reserve it. online signup

Free pizza party for CUAP Party before the ride and the club will pay for soft drinks and pizza. Wed at Black Rock. 8/13 6:00-7:30 pm-made reservation with the waitress.

#### **TO-DOs and Action List for CUAP**

- Richard will send out email and Michael will post on the website about the pizza party for volunteers, email with link to website.
- Sue will lead the family route. Ask people to help with the ride.
- Ann Robins will help with the markings on the road-might need help
- sag done by Bob Morris
- Richard deliver Mahomet rest stops
- John will contact Bonnie Kemper about the Porta Potties
- Bob will have the hardware materials for the rest stops.-inventory-signs ok, sag signs.
- Richard will contact Nina for shopping
- Charlie will ride the route Wed, 8/20
- Ann mark it on Thur, 8/21
- Charlie will ride the route on Friday 8/22. Back up marking on Fri.
- 4 rest stops: registration, Ford Harris, Mahomet Casey's and St Joe Casey's, will need people to sign up for shifts with the rest stops.

#### Needs:

need vehicle to take things to the other rest stops, shopping, sign placement (early on

Saturday) Richard Brannon will take things to the Mahomet rest stop.

- Warden Martin wants pictures with their truck
- Richard needs names for the Casey's managers
- warning signs for intersections
- need enough food such as fruit and cookies at the rest stops. we can buy non-food items such as more ice at the Casey's stores.

Frank moved and Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: 8/13/2014 Meeting at the Volunteer Pizza and regular board Meeting 8/20/2014

Respectively submitted, Frank C Modica

# **Prairie Cycle Club**

# Board meeting minutes from 6/24/2014

# @ Black Rock Pizza

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

Absent:

# Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Issues with Olympian and Market Streets in Champaign; construction rock and gravel on both shoulders. Charlie will contact Dennis Schmidt Director of Public Works City of Champaign regarding road conditions on those streets prior to CUAP.

Race Street entrance to Parasol and car parking will be obstructed on day of CUAP. Entry to parking and start of the ride from the south on Griggs. We will need signs to direct people to Parasol for car parking on the day of the ride. Bob will check inventory for CUAP parking signs.

Ride will start at Parasol Records. Valet indoor bikes parking at Parasol for riders who want to attend Sweet Corn Festival. Charlie will stay at Parasol.

Before the ride we will give actual GPS coordinates for Parasol Records for people to find it.

Some additions and corrections to May minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Bob and seconded by Michael. Approved.

John and Charlie plan to paint the road markings 2-3 days before CUAP. Suggestion to use white paint for more visible for road markings. Suggestion to use paper road arrows but we won't use them this year-may consider for future rides.

John will contact Bonnie Kemper for paint and outhouses.

Ford Harris will be the middle rest stop; has outhouses way in the back. Signs at Ford Harris to direct people to the restrooms because they are about a quarter mile from the road. Suggestion for live music at Ford-Harris rest stop or at Parasol.

For volunteers sign up we will use google group survey. LIsa Ellis will work on form for volunteers and contact Michael. We need more fruit at rest stops. Bob will check with Strawberry Fields.

Supplies for rest stops: gatorade, water, cookies, fruit, from Schnuck's. No donuts or soda pop. Coffee at registration. We need enough snacks for four stops, registration, Ford Harris, and two Caseys. Bob talked to Casey's about using two stores as rest stops.

We need volunteers for all the SAG stops-Lisa suggested teams for registration, SAG, rest stops. two people per rest stop. Transporting supplies to rest stops a critical logistics issue. Llsa will check on availability of Ford-Harris pavilion-Ed Seebauer--and Julianne live up the road fro Ford Harris park.

Price structure for CUAP: \$10 per club member in advance or \$15 on day of ride. \$5 more for non-

members; \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the ride. Riders can become members on the day of the ride and get the membership rate.

Four rides for CUAP:

- 10 mile in-town family ride \$5 for whole household
- 15 mile
- 25 mile
- 38 mile

People can choose to ride any combination of the 15, 25, or 38 mile loops for the same price.

Confirmations on websites for Bob Bentley and Bike Rides in Indiana for posting the ride online.

Bob will contact people for contributions to CUAP.

Treasurer's Report: As of 6/25, we have \$5545.46 in our checking account and \$497.28 in our Paypal account for total of \$6042.74.

Publicity to local bike clubs and shops in Bloomington, Decatur handled by Bob.

Ride August 23. Cut off for onlline registration August 19 to get pre-registration discount. and mail-in registration postmarked by the 15th (to ensure we get them by the 19th or 20th)

**Next Meeting: 7/16/2014** 

respectfully submitted by Frank C Modica

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 5/21/2014

Present: Charlie Smyth, Frank Modica, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Sue Jones, Lisa Ellis

Absent: Richard Brannon, Robert Morris

# **Agenda/Discussion:**

Meeting called to order 5:52

Motion by Frank to approve minutes from April meeting, seconded by Sue. Approved

*Treasurer's Report:* Charlie donated \$1000 on 5/4 to the Kickapoo Rail Trail per membership directions. Richard transferred our balance of \$497.xx from paypal (though not completed yet) to our checking account; our balance will be \$5,530.42

Old Business: Route for Rails to Trails Ride-John and Charlie will scout the route by bike.

Publicity for CUAP: Sue will put notice in the general community biking calendar. John will add Sue for editing the calendar. Other publicity: flyers around town, bike shops, other bike clubs, Mike Bentley website. How can we access Danville, Bloomington-Normal, Decatur, Springfield markets? Info to bike clubs and shops in those communities.

# Planning for CUAP:

Rest (and food) stop at Ford-Harris park. John scouted out route to get out of town going up Market Street. Casey's will serve as the other 2 rest stops. Bob Morris will check for the availability of Casey's. Volunteers will be needed to staff rest stop at Ford Harris. Charlie will put out a note to PCC membership for volunteers at the rest stop. Logistics for Ford Harris rest stop-can transport supplies by car. John and Charlie will mark the routes

Parking for CUAP will be in the parking area between the railroad tracks and Griggs.

Charlie will get tickets for a free ear of corn at the Sweetcorn Festival for everyone who rides in CUAP. There will be secure bike parking location inside Parasol so people can go to Sweet Corn Festival.

Parking signs for people driving in from University and other places-need signs for better accessibility-getting around town, especially navigating around the Sweet Corn Festival. Need signs for people coming North and South. Cellphone number for directions will be on posters.

Intersections at University and Cunningham and at University and Race will need signs to direct participants to Parasol.

We need to inventory the signs we have for CUAP. Bob Morris has the signs.

Sue moved to end meeting, Frank seconded the motion. Approved.

Next Meeting: June 25 (Wed)

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 4/16/2014 @ Black Rock Pizza

Attending: Charlie Smyth, Richard Brannon, John Prince, Bob Morris, Michael Fuerst, Sue Jones, Lisa Ellis

Absent: Frank Modica

# **Agenda/Discussion:**

Meeting convened at 5:45 PM.

Donation to Kickapoo Trail Project. Charlie moved that the club donate \$1000 to the Champaign County Forest Preserve District in support of its Kickapoo bicycle trail project. Seconded by Bob. All aye.

*Membership forms*. Charlie said he needs 25 or more membership forms for the seasonal farmers market at Lincoln Square. Richard said he would provide these.

*Bike to Work Day.* John noted that Bike to Work Day this year will be Thursday May 15th, and that the annual Ride of Silence will be on May 21st. Sue said she would prepare a press release for the Ride of Silence, including the ride's starting time and location.

Use of listserve to sell personally owned bicycling related items. Discussion moved to the subject of the club's List Serve and its proper and improper uses. One club member had complained about the advertising of bicycling gear on the list server. One person responding to such a post inadvertently replied to the whole list, rather than just to the person making the post. It was generally agreed that List Serve should not become a forum for the buying and selling of bicycling gear. Lisa suggested opening the web site to such merchandise. Michael said that adding such a function to the web site would require that additional database capabilities be added to the web site--a time consuming chore with an uncertain benefit. Michael noted that the number of posts to sell bicycling related item are less than ten a season, and that this was the first and only complaint over several years. The board's consensus was that we should leave things be and reconsider if more complaints are received.

Collective email address for PCC board. Several board members felt that there should be a club email address for which any email sent to that address be forwarded to all board members. Michael agreed to set up info@prairiecycleclub.org as such an email address.

Next board meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of May.

At 6:30 PM Sue moved for adjournment. Second by Michael. All aye.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Morris

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 3/19/2014 @ Black Rock Pizza

Present: Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince, Richard Brannon, Sue Jones, Lisa Ellis

**Absent**: Charlie Smyth

### Agenda/Discussion:

Approved minutes from the last meeting: Motion by Frank, Michael seconded and approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$6087.14

*Membership Meeting Tues.* 4/8 Sue and Richard will send out email notifications, Bob will distribute flyers to bike shops. Lisa created an event on Facebook for the membership meeting. Information about the membership meeting will also be posted on the PCC web page.

People can renew their memberships for PCC or sign up if they aren't members. Pizza and pop provided by PCC.

*Illinois Bike Summit Tues, 4/15.* Our sponsorship of the Illinois Bike Summit has been taken care of and we have 4 memberships for the conference. Sue, John, Richard, Michael will attend the conference. Richard & LIsa will split one admission.

Our table presence at the conference: we will have the elastic poster with information about PCC-

Our commitment for the conference: John and Sue will lead a local in-town low velocity ride. leaving from the I-Hotel at 7:30 am. The ride will highlight bike infrastructure in Champaign and Urbana, emphasizing the western terminus of the Rail to Trail--from Weaver Park in Urbana. 10-15 miles. Sue and John will figure out the route.

*Rides for the season*: in process of confirming ride leaders for this year. Rick Francis wants to lead a ride but his health is still a question mark. Ed Bondurant will lead his traditional Tues morning ride. John Prince will lead the Tues Meadowbrook ride. also unofficial. Rides will start the weekend after taxes--4/19. The ride information will be put on the website and Facebook.

No rides on Sat Apr 26, day of Christie Clinic Marathon.

Suggestion to move start of Sat rides to the Race St lot of Meadowbrook Park. Board members will talk to the other riding groups. Would be easier to go down Race St to get out of town from the Race St. Lot. Bathroom access ok at Race St.

*Bike Jerseys-side by side pics of jersey choices--*will put them on the website. link for jersey photos. option of women's sizing? Lisa working on survey. will have on survey to link photos. survey on the website. Lisa will make order forms for the meeting. wait until 5/1 to order the jerseys.

*Membership*: Ride leader cards--not all distributed.

Next Board Meeting: short board meeting at Jupiter's after the membership meeting 4/8/2014

# Prarie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 2/26/2014 @Black Rock Pizza

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

**Absent**: Lisa Ellis, Robert Morris

### Agenda/Discussion:

Approve minute from the last meeting John motion, Frank seconded and approved

*Treasurer's Report:* \$6087.15 as of 2/28. Donation to Rails to Trails. 2013 budget had a \$400 deficit. Anticipating a \$400 deficit for 2014. \$500 sponsorship for The Bike Summit (to be held in Champaign at the I Hotel) was approved at the last meeting.-;

Next expense and income with be the membership meeting.

*Membership Report:* Annual membership meeting to be held Tues 4/8/2014 Jupiter's at the Crossing at 5:30. How can we boost the membership? Board members can encourage people to join. \$10.00 membership for dues paying member of other bike organizations such as CCB or Wild Card

*Bike Summit:* Volunteer for morning ride, and Tues 4/15 in town bike ride to showcase Trail head at Stan Weaver Park. take Main Street all the way out. Bike ride 8:00 am. Working on the route. Sue and John can help with the ride. Can modify the ride of silence route for Weaver Park. Have a table at the bike summit

*River to rail ride* to help the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. Planning Meeting, and working on routes. possible route possibilities. different starting points? start from the middle fork. actual ride run by Forest Preserve People but PCC will help with signs. we can run the sag for the ride.

Inviting Jeff Yockey and Dirk Mol for Rails To Rails; Charlie will take care of it. River to Rail Membership Meeting: 3/7/2014 meeting at Pizza M with Mary Ann Wullner

Next happy hour 3/14/2014 Next PCC Board MeetingMeeting: 3/19/2014

# Prairie Cycle Club Board meeting minutes from 1/15/2014

**Present:** Charlie Smyth, Frank Modica, Robert Morris, Michael Fuerst, John Prince Richard Brannon, Lisa Ellis

**Absent:** Sue Jones

### Agenda/Discussion:

Meeting called to order at 5:50.

*Budget:* Charlie discussed the Budget for 2014. Need approval of the budget at the April membership meeting. We will need to pay for LAB membership, LIB membership, insurance \$265, gift cards for last year's ride leaders.\$140. motion payment of all items by Charlie, seconded by Bob Morris. approved

*Bike to Work Day:* Charlie: Bike to Work Day (BTWD) coming up in May. In the past BTWD has been sponsored by Champaign, Urbana, Savoy, University of Illinois, and PCC. Charlie proposed a PCC \$250 sponsorship for event in April for event in May. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Lisa. approved.

*Illinois Bike Summit* at the Champaign I Hotel in April. State bike plan will be released at the Bike Summit. Charlie suggested PCC help sponsor the conference--\$500 sponsorship might come with comps for up to 5 registrations-not sure how many comps right now. motion to approve the \$500 for sponsorship by Bob and seconded Lisa. approved. We will have a budget deficit for 2014 with the sponsorships for BTWD and The Bike Summit but we're still sitting on a large surplus from previous years. PCC can informally host a bike ride before the meeting. Suggestion for showing the trailhead for the Kickapoo Bike Trail.

April membership meeting at Jupiter's at the Crossing in Champaign: PCC party 5:30-7 and Second Wind Running Club (SWRC) 7:00- party on the same night. 4/8/2014. No conflicts with the SWRC party. Jupiter party package for the April membership meeting: Bob made reservations for this meeting.

#### CUAP will occur 8/24/2014

What encourages local people to do the ride? Depends on weather, 2/3 of registration occurs on the day of the ride. advance cheaper price. dirt cheap registration fees. student base. We will start ride from Parasol; Griggs and Central in Urbana. People can park cars and also leave bikes inside while going to the Sweetcorn Festival. Suggestion from Lisa to pre-order PCC jerseys and have them available for CUAP. Lisa will put together an interest survey for socks and jerseys to present at April membership meeting.

Grand Fondue Sunday 1/26/2014. at Parasol; 303 W Griggs Urbana. We need to publicize it. The event will start at 12:00 at Parasol. Potluck. start eating begins at 1:00pm. If people want to ride they can go on short ride before 1:00. Need immediate notice and another notice on total of three notices. Lisa will post it on Facebook. John will do emails and Lisa will do Facebook.

*PCC Membership registration via Paypal.* After the recent test by several board members, Paypal is ready to go for registration. We will stop using Signmeup, but not formally stop the service.

*Next Meeting:* 2/19/2014 We discussed changing venue or possibly the location in Pizza M because the back room in Pizza M was very loud. Wednesday is still best meeting day because of scheduling conflicts.