

## Minutes: Hiawatha Bicycling Club Board Meeting on January 7, 2002

<b>Date/Time</b>	3 December 2001, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Black Bear Crossing, Como Avenue
<b>Attended by:</b>	Leon Webster, Lucia Pierson, Bruce Beck, Richard Newmark, Cheryl Norton,
<b>Absent</b>	Dan Reuter
<b>Chair:</b>	Bruce Beck
<b>Minutes</b>	Richard A. Newmark

The minutes from December 3, 2001, were approved.

### Appreciation Banquet Feb. 24 @ Braemer.

Tinucci's is catering with carrot cake for dessert. Socks will be given to each attendee. Leon (**Action item**) will send out a note asking for names of all possible volunteers from last year who should receive invitations to the free banquet. Leon will also check his computer at home for the volunteer list. Craig Hansen should be asked to make yup postcards for invites. Items are still needed for the auction – the request for auction items should be included in the newsletter. Newmark volunteered to obtain 2 copies of Richard Arey's book to auction off. It was agreed that there will be a sign-up list for Tour d'Amico. Activities will include cross country skiing, snow-shoeing, and (if the weather cooperates) bicycling. The schedule: 5:00 dinner (lasagne buffet); 6:00 program (introduction, auction, awards). It was suggested that the program should follow last year's model with the auction being broken up by award presentations. All the awards for each person were in one envelope. There will also be a sign-up list for Tour d'Amico since most volunteers for the 2001 ride were found at the 2001 appreciation banquet. Two leaders are needed for snowshoeing; 1 for XC skiing, and 1 for the meal set-up. Sock vendors are being checked by Leon. Everything is substantially ready, but the note from last month's meeting did not get into the Jan newsletter.

**Tour d'Amico:** A chair is needed. Wilbur Miller agreed to act as liaison to dAmico's. People are also needed to run the site for registration (& lunch), the rides, and provide ride support. About 40 volunteers are needed. Although the routes are set, d'Amico's may be interested in running the tour out of their banquet gcenter near I-394. [On 1/12/02 Bruce Beck reported that Bob Dean has agreed to serve as chair of this event.]

**Post-Office Box:** Cheryl now has the keys to the post office box.

**Adventure Cycling** association is nationhal bicycle club network. Club membership is \$70 and includes bimonthly mailings with graphics and news articles for a newsletter; publicity for club events through an on-line ride calendar; 2 subscripts to Adventure Cyclist, and access to 25,000 miles of mapped bike routes. **Action:** Lucia will check with Judd on whether a subscription will be of value for our newsletter.

**Minnesota Cyclist 2002 Events Directory:** Bruce arranged for the Club tgo be listed in this new Directory. The sponsors claim an estimated circulation of 25,000 to be distributed to

bikeshops, park & rec centers, bikeevents, and tourism centers.

**Dues notice** – information should be included in the next newsletter since most memberships expire in February or March. Craig sends out postcard after dues are late. Last month's minutes cited the need to update the membership brochures. **Action:** Leon will call Judd and Russ Lothian with respect to creating updated membership brochures.

**Membership survey:** Bruce (**Action item**) will put together the survey questions from Lucia and Richard and e-mail those to the board members early this month. The Board will finalize the survey at the February meeting and it will be sent out in the March issue.

**E-Mail:** Newmark experienced some difficulty in getting on the e-mail list since the directions in both the HBC web site & on yahoo were unclear.. **Action:** Leon will check out the e-mail list and check with John Miller on better instructions for people to join the e-mail list. Lucia says the picture on the web site needs to be updated. **Action:** Leon and/or Bruce will check with John on inserting a new picture. Bruce will also ask if the survey can be put upon the web site.

**Bike Shop Sponsorship:** In last month's minutes it was suggested that offering members discounts at local bike stores would increase membership. Newmark asked Tom Wichelman at Boehm's and found that his shop would be very interested and he agreed to offer a discount, with details to be worked out on which items would be discounted). Gateway Cycling has also expressed interest. **Action:** Leon will write an article about adopting a bikeshop for the newsletter.