

HBC Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2004

Attendees:

Wilbur Thomas, Bob Dean, Dan Reuter, John Escritt, Alan Wichman, Mary Swanstrom, Edie Kalweit, John Miller

Agenda:

1. Review, revise (if necessary) and approve minutes of last board meeting
2. Treasurer's report-Dan
3. Budget tracking report-Dan
4. Rides report—Alan
5. *Tour De Amico* recap—Bob
6. Review operating calendar—Wilbur
7. Board member responsibilities and liaisons for team leaders—Wilbur
8. Review fiscal management policies (Article V of Bylaws)—Wilbur
9. Extra newsletter distribution—Alan
10. Summer membership meeting—Alan
11. Refreshments at board meetings—Wilbur
12. Method and philosophy of operation—Edie
13. Concern about Mediterranean Moods ride—Edie
14. Brief updates
Labor Day ride—Alan
15. Other business
Map Clips—Edie

Proceedings:

June minutes were accepted with a change in the wording of the present e-group policy stated in the June minutes. The wording should be, "E-group messages are limited to messages relating to biking or club related information."

The treasurer's report—Dan- not done due to hard drive crash.

Rides report—Alan—not done. 'Will have an excel spreadsheet next board meeting.

Tour D'amico report—Bob—financials not yet done. All agreed TDA was a success in 2004.

The operating calendar was reviewed-TDA survey needs to be sent out, as per operating schedule.

Wilbur distributed a list of "2004 HBC Operating Units and Officers to Whom They Report". The list of directors and assigned tasks was a preliminary one. Some team functions were not yet assigned a director and some directors seemed to have either too many tasks or not enough. Future work will be done to equilibrate the mix.

Fiscal Management—Wilbur printed the current HBC Bylaw: Article V, Paragraph 5. He

asked that it be rewritten. The exact wording will be presented in the future, first to the board and then to the general membership for amendment. Basically all reimbursements for expenditures will be subject to board approval.

Extra newsletter distribution—The board will wait until there is a new newsletter editor. For the time being, there is no plan to distribute extra newsletters.

Summer membership meeting? Will not do this year. Alan thought it might be too close to the Annual Meeting of the HBC Membership.

Refreshments at board meetings will be the responsibility of board members on a rotating schedule. \$10 will be the limit reimbursed by the HBC treasurer for any one given meeting. Additional money spent, will be the responsibility of the board member.

Method and Philosophy of HBC Operation. Edie wanted to talk to the essence of the HBC Bike Club. Although we are legally a corporation we are a group of friends who enjoy a sport together. We all need to lighten up and enjoy each other and the fun we have as friends.

Concern about the Mediterranean Moods ride—Edie.

Her perspective: Mapless rides are fine to conduct as long as all folks do and can ride together. When that doesn't happen, the ride needs to be reassessed and altered so that folks do ride together, or the ride not be mapless. On multiple recent occasions problems surfaced with the MM ride with slower riders. On more than one occasion, new members were slower than the group, (Kay Reis one Friday night and Robin Katz on another night). The rear ride leader was forced to stay way behind with them and finish the ride apart from most of the group. On another night the majority of the group took off very fast and the rear leader lost the group early into the ride. The three folks left behind were maintaining at least 12 mph, (Marian, Edie and Brice). Due to construction on 494, the rear leader didn't know which alternative route was taken by the front leader, and those riders never again did find the group! To correct this problem Edie proposed to Wilbur a slow option to the MM ride, she volunteered to lead it. Wilbur agreed, printed a map to coordinate with the faster ride and previewed the ride with Edie. At some point in time, Wilbur asked that this slower ride not be associated with the MM ride.

Friday nights at D'Amico's in Edina are more about eating together and being friends-welcoming newcomers and celebrating birthdays-than just participating on a bike ride. It is a time when potential members can mix with old members and get a flavor of who makes up HBC. Often HBC members show up who couldn't ride on that particular night, solely for the purpose of socializing.

Wilbur and some others' perspective: The Ride Leader is King! MM is Wilbur's ride and has been for many years. Whatever restrictions Wilbur puts on the slow option of this ride should be respected.

Labor Day Ride—Alan. A work still in progress! Janis Bremer is looking at three loops in the Chanhassen area with a Mexican Restaurant as the potential focus point.

Map clips-Wilbur will send out an e-groups message to get a feel for club interest. A vote will be taken at the next meeting concerning buying map clips.