

Hiawatha Bicycling Club Board Meeting

Date/Time: 4 November 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Black Bear Crossing, Como Avenue

Attended by: Dan Reuter, Lucia Pierson, Bruce Beck, Richard Newmark

Chair: Bruce Beck

Minutes: Richard Newmark

Correction to October Minutes: Smart Cycling events will be scheduled from January through March, not November through March. There will be 3 programs.

Treasurer's report – Lucia gave out a copy which she will also pass out at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting: Leon will ask Mary Poppendieck to present a report on membership. Leon will present the nominating committee report. Leon will conduct the meeting since Bruce is on the ballot. Leon will talk about the Etoile du Nord Jerseys. Chuck will provide a report on statistics. Dan will present Smart Cycling information. An e-mail from Bruce to the e-group went out encouraging nominations from the floor for next year's officers.

There was a discussion about an incentive similar to **Etoile du Nord** for next year. Comments from members indicated the incentive was successful in encouraging members to ride more. There is also a need for a gift to thank volunteers who are not cyclists. Leon estimates 30 jerseys will be given out.

Annual Meeting Bike Rides: The Gateway trail north has a lot of debris and there is one break in the trail. The trail toward St. Paul is in good condition. After some discussion it was decided the best route would be west toward Lake Phalen and include a loop around the Lake.

E group policy: In the February 2002 minutes it was reported that "Bruce presented his 4 point proposed policy, to be in effect Nov. 1 through April 1. An e-group ride must:

- a. Not conflict with a ride posted in the Newsletter by at least a 4 hour gap
- b. Be sent out by e-mail before 7 a.m. the day of the ride.
- c. Ride sheets and waivers must be completed in the same manner as other rides.
- d. E-group rides will count for mileage and for ride leadership statistics provided that the ride goes with at least 2 adult participants.

"Approved. Only change from present policy is the requirement for a 4 hour gap and counting mileage for ride leadership statistics.

There was a lengthy discussion of this e-group policy since it differs from the information Bruce provided Judd for the newsletter which said "the ride is posted to the e-group at least 12 hours in advance of the start time". However, it was generally agreed that these times are effectively the same because posting 12 hours in advance is probably

necessary to have the e-mail out by 7 a.m. No action was taken. The e-groups will also be discussed at the annual meeting.

Awards Banquet: It was suggested that Braemar be the location and the date be February 23. Lucia found no other location that was competitive in price. Tinucci's catered the banquet last year. D'Amico's should be considered for catering this year. It was also reported that D'Amico's may be interested in sponsoring the Toys for Tots ride.

Bruce wants to do a New Year's day's ride to be advertised in the next Spoke 'N Wheel, but is looking for a back-up leader.

Newmark circulated a letter from Mary Morse and Richard Arey thanking Leon and the club for running the Mounds Park rest stop at the **St. Paul Classic**.

Mary Poppendieck will serve as **membership chair** for one more year.

Post office box discussion – The disadvantage of the Edina location was discussed since a volunteer must be able to drive past the box at least weekly to pick up the mail, deposit any checks, and forward letters to the appropriate individual. However, the rent for the box was just paid and Mary Griffiths should be available for at least another year to pick up the mail.

Next Meeting: The new Board will have to make this decision.