

Laramie BikeNet Meeting - February 10, 2016.

Motion to begin by Cindy D. and seconded by Bill G.

Bike Park Fundraiser

An event to raise funds for a bicycle park was discussed. The City of Laramie has agreed to allow BikeNet to raise funds for the possibility of building a bicycle park in/near town. The Alice Hardy Stevens Center, several campus locations and the Train Depot were brought up as locations to hold the fundraising event.

A drop-in spin class at the Rec Center was also discussed as a fundraiser opportunity.

BikeNet Membership Drive

On March 25, 2016 the BikeNet will hold its annual Membership Drive. While the BikeNet members and meeting attendees were talking about this event and its festive nature, Bill G. suggested we combine this event with the Bike Park Fundraiser. Cindy D. motioned to combine the two events, Lindsay S. seconded and members voted to combine the Bike Park & Membership events to be held on March 25th. It was decided that this event will likely be a party with a band, and perhaps a raffle for the Bike Park fundraising aspect. Party planning committee members include Ryan C. and Lindsay S. A location for this combined event is yet to be determined. We will contact Andrew Hayes at UW for information about hiring a band and any music equipment rentals.

Chubby Chaser

A fat bike ride/race will occur on March 5th, 2016. The ride/race will begin from the lower Happy Jack parking lot with start time at 10am. There is only day of registration, so participants should arrive early to sign up. This event is free to BikeNet members and fat bikes can be rented from the Pedal House in advance. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Dewey G. at the Pedal House.

Laramie Bike Summit

The Enduro Community Outreach Committee plans to hold the Laramie Bike Summit again sometime in the spring. Cindy D. motioned to have the BikeNet work with the Enduro group on this event and split all labor and financial needs 50/50, Bill G. seconded and members voted in favor. A committee for the Summit will be formed and a date for the event will be announced later.

Dad Dog Ride/Race

This year's Dad Dog will be on June 18th, 2016. Cindy D. and Curt L. have begun work to organize this race. It will have a similar set-up as last year (permitting, sponsorship from Cycle Wyoming, race location and distance). It is likely however that this event will no longer be free to BikeNet members. A small fee will be charged to cover costs, as last year there was a loss due to catering. A new food option of Double Dub's truck was discussed.

Crit Race/Cyclocross

Miguel R. brought up an idea for the BikeNet to host a criterium race in town somewhere. Possible locations include downtown, the Green Belt loop, and the area surrounding TriHydro. If a full criterium cannot be held, street sprints are also an option.

Website

Lindsay S. reminded BikeNet meeting attendees that our new website has committee sections that can be edited by members to share specific information. There are Commuting, Mountain Bike, CycloCross,

Road Cycling, Fat Bike and Kids' Cycling committees. Niesey H. will make and share a bicycle commute map of Laramie.

Chugwater Ride

The economic development committee member for the City of Chugwater has extended an invitation for the BikeNet to host an event in Chugwater. The meeting attendees agreed that this could be an interesting prospect, but Chugwater is rather far away for a one day event. We discussed working with bike clubs in Cheyenne and Casper on a possible event. As of now, this idea is up in the air. We will wait for more information and return to the issue at a later date.

BikeNet TT Series

Bill G. mentioned that the BikeNet Time Trial series shall resume in April, or whenever weather permits. The series will again be held at Soldier Springs Road with dates to be announced later. Several meeting attendees gave praise to this series and suggested the UW cycling teams get involved. Cindy D. will reach out to the UW teams about participating and BikeNet membership.

Fall Cyclocross Series

Bill G. motioned to make a Cyclocross Committee official, and all board members approved. Miguel R. and Bill G. will head the Cyclocross Committee. A fall series was discussed, to be held in town at the Territorial Prison or the State Trust land. The series will be points-based with participants having the ability to earn points at other races, such as at events in Colorado. Any information will be shared on the Cyclocross Committee blog on the website, as well as volunteer sign up.

Laramie MTB Series

The Laramie Mountain Bike Series is indeed on again this summer. Several differences for this year's series include beginning at the lower Happy Jack parking lot and a separate kids' course. The US Forest Service is working with LMBS to make the series as exciting as possible. Dates are not yet official, but they are similar to last year's. More information can be found at <http://laramiemtbseries.com/>

Summer Youth MTB Clinics

Cindy D. is going to work with Lisa M. to put together some youth mountain bike clinics. Erica Belmont, a UW professor, may also be interested in assisting. More information on these clinics and how to help will come at a later date.

Trail Maintenance Projects

Dewey G. is organizing several trail maintenance projects, to be completed over multiple summers. These projects will include smaller targeted trail work, along with major trail maintenance days. The map has been approved by the US Forest Service for reroutes, new trail, areas to pull water off trails, and IMBA trails. Dates for all maintenance projects are not finalized. Anyone interested in helping can contact Dewey G. at the Pedal House and/or keep an eye on the BikeNet website.

Commuter News

Nancy S. informed the meeting attendees of the plan with the 9th & Lewis Stop light. The City of Laramie is considering removing this stop light and replacing it with a stop sign, which could complicate traffic situations for cyclists and vehicles. The issue is going before City Council in March. Anyone interested in attending the City Council meeting should check the agenda which is posted on Friday for the following Tuesday. Nancy S. also has a copy of the full executive summary and other in-depth information on this issue if any members would like to learn more.

Forest Service Thank You Letter

Dewey G. mentioned several times that the US Forest Service has been doing a lot of positive work with him, BikeNet, and the Enduro board to make cycling better in our area. The large number of letters that the FS received from Fat Bikers has helped with our concerns being taken more seriously. Any BikeNet member who appreciates the work done between the Forest Service and cyclists (or any trail users) should consider sending a Thank You letter. We hope to keep our relationship with the FS and all trail users positive. Lindsay S. will send information and a form letter to BikeNet members for this purpose.

Cindy D. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill G. and all were in favor.

Meeting Attended By:

Bill Gorman
Ryan Caillet
Cindy Dywan
Dewey Gallegos
Guillermo Brizuela
Patrick Johnson
Miguel Rosales
Nicole Peterson
Nancy Sindelar
Niesey Heckart
Lindsay Sweley
Luke Todd
Nate Turner