

Laramie BikeNet 1 February 2017 Meeting

Room 203 in Wyoming Union 7pm

Melanie A. motioned to begin, seconded by Rich V.

If anyone has anything to add to our 2016 year in review (found here: <http://www.laramiebikenet.org/uploads/4/6/7/8/46781353/2016bikenetreview.pdf>) please email Lindsay at [lindsaylu@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaylu@gmail.com).

Current Treasury Report:

Laramie Bicycling Network Acct:	\$12,972.85	(Includes \$9,012.74 donations for Bike Park)
Laramie Mtn. Bike Series Acct:	\$504.66	
7220 Racing Acct:	\$7,120.34	
Rolland Cycling Acct:	\$53.17	

Dan M. had these suggestions to help us improve upon our League of American Bicyclist Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze status: we can go before the Traffic Commission in regard to adopting a Complete Streets program to give input into ideas such as changing residential speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph, which will be safer for cyclists as well as pedestrians.

We can also design and produce a bicycling map of Laramie, highlighting suggested commuting routes, existing bicycle infrastructure, areas to avoid riding and points of cycling interest. We could distribute these maps at the Laramie visitor center, the University, bike shops, etc. Funding these maps can be grant based, and possibly sponsored by local businesses.

Cindy D. provided a Bike Park Update: After several meetings, we have narrowed down a location to the area behind the rec center and presented to the Parks, Trees and Recreation board. A subcommittee consisting of Cindy, Amy F., and 2 Parks board members was formed to help this project move forward. Cindy has also found a great resource with information on bike park planning, cost estimations, etc. Some members of the Parks board are reluctant about our proposed bike park location but the committee can work on that, especially after meeting with a trail designer.

BikeNet is involved with several grant-writing endeavors. Here is the current progress on each of them:

Wyoming Pathways has a grant for \$46,000 with \$12,000 in match funds. This money will go toward trail work on Pole Mountain. 3 groups are going to help with the trail work under specific supervision from the trail designer. BikeNet can assist with the match funds by adding a donation option to race sign-ups for the Enduro and LMBS.

Melanie A. wrote for a \$44,000 Albany County Recreation Board grant to design and build trails on the state land section near the golf course. She has presented to the ACRB where she ranked 11 out of 23 applicants. This will next go before City Council on February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the City Council Chambers. BikeNet members are encouraged to attend this meeting. The final presentation will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dan M. mentioned the bike park committee is writing for the Wyoming Community Grant for \$3500 - \$3700, and we will find out in March if we are awarded this money.

Amy F. and Luke T. are writing for the Community Partners Grant to fund a Bike to Work/School Week as well as the bicycling community maps. They hope to get \$10,000 but are reworking their budget to be able to write for around \$5000-\$6000.

Tim G. suggested a couple more grants if we would like to write for more. These are through the Albany County Tourism Board, Union Pacific Railroad and the Guthrie Foundation.

Dan M. let us know how pledging for a snow trail grooming device known as a timbersled is going. So far over \$6000 has been pledged. Check out this informational page, and feel free to pledge: <http://www.laramiebikenet.org/pledge.html>

Fat Biking News: The Pedal House will host the Chubby Chaser on March 4<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!

Evan O. let us know how things are going with the State Land Section. He is still waiting for the final approval from the state for the permit and should know by April. Evan has spoken with the grazing lessee on the section and he has no problem with the proposed trail system. In July, we will know if we get the grant to help fund this project and then move forward with trail design, signage, etc. Evan hopes to get around 5-8 miles of trail in the 1 square foot section, and would like to reclaim any user-made roads in the area.

Lindsay S. is going to get started with the Membership Drive planning. We will plan the party for April.

There has been some discussion from the Dad Dog committee about this race/ride. A concern is that it has been costing BikeNet money instead of making some, especially since local riders don't want to pay a fee to ride on a route they can do for free. This has brought up talk of holding the event somewhere else, or advertising to places other than just Laramie and Cheyenne to increase interest.

The Senior Olympics are the first weekend in August. Laramie will host this for the next 2 years. Large numbers of participants are expected, since Laramie is close to Colorado. Last year's road bike events in Sheridan had 12-13 male participants and 3-5 female. Bill G. and Cindy D. are figuring out road race courses and details while Nat D. and Evan O. are working out the mountain bike courses. The Senior Olympics are very structured through that organization, so BikeNet just needs to contribute the aforementioned course work and volunteers for these events.

GiddyUp Film Tour: This film tour featuring cycling films typically comes to Laramie in the spring, but this year the guy in charge decided not to come through. Evan O. suggested that BikeNet host this event. We would have to pay a \$300 licensing fee (which includes the film rights and some items to raffle off), locate a venue and advertise for it. Melanie A. motioned to go forward with this, and John H. seconded. Since we will have the film rights, we can host this film festival whenever we would like. Tim G. suggested the Gryphon Theater as a venue, especially since we could rent out the gym as well, to serve food and beverages. This led to a discussion about

combining the film tour with the Membership Drive party. We will continue to work with this possible combination as we see available dates for the venue.

Rich V. is thinking about increasing 7220 racing team's presence from just high school students to more junior high-age kids with a youth development program. This program would not be racing-focused, but more about increasing cycling skills and appreciation so participants will be able to continue to ride throughout their lives. Anyone who knows junior high teachers/parents/leaders who have ideas about this program, or would like to help in any way, can contact Rich at [enduro.rv@gmail.com](mailto:enduro.rv@gmail.com) Rich also mentioned the summer youth mountain bike camps. The girls' camp will be June 8-10 and the coed camp will be June 12-16. Rich is also looking for adult volunteers for these camps, so contact him if this is of interest to you! Brochures for the camps can be found here: <http://www.laramiebikenet.org/7220-high-school-mtb-team.html>

Cindy D. mentioned that the Wyoming legislature proposed a bill to charge \$15/year for mountain bikers to use trails (HB0272). Upon receiving information from Charles Pelkey, this bill will not make it to the floor this year.

Evan O. motioned for the meeting to adjourn, John H. seconded.

Meeting Attendees:

Lindsay Sweley

Cindy Dywan

Richard Vincent

Tim Gaddis

Bill Gorman

Tony Arnt

Melanie Arnett

Evan O'Toole

Dan McCoy

Luke Todd

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Marilyn Krysl

John Hennings