

BIKENET Meeting: November 14, 2018

Meeting Minutes

- Remove batteries from radios for winter storage
 - Done (the team-building activity was a great success)

- Treasurer Report (Mike H)
 - Laramie BikeNet Account: \$5260.10
 - 7220 Racing Account: \$5,119.05
 - PayPal Account: \$2020.45
 - Tools account: 4207.67
 - Tool expenses thus far \$2883.05
 - Total left to spend on tools \$1324.62
 - Tool money is included in either the primary bank account or the Paypal account.
 - Motion to accept the Financial Report, Seconded and Approved.

- Review of the year (Cindy)
 - Radios facilitate many of the BikeNet supported activities such as the Mountain Bike clinics, High School Racing team coaches, and other activities.
 - Weekly Time Trial is sponsored by BikeNet. It is ongoing with an average of 3-4 riders per event. Next year, increased marketing of event and different weekday may help with attendance. Bill Gorman is compiling historic results and posting them to the website. Freedom has a Birthday, Free Bike Valet event continues with success. We parked 137 bikes and gave 4 helmets away through our youth helmet program.
 - Laramie 7220 Racing end of season celebration dinner at the Laramie Rec Center was well attended and received by the student racers and parents.
 - Senior Olympics Wyoming 2018 hosted by the City of Laramie. This year was a Nationals qualifier year. Laramie BikeNet put on the road events and helped Laramie Racing in putting on the mountain bike events. Next year's WY Senior Olympics will be hosted by the City of Cheyenne.

- Summary report from 7220 Racing (Rich & Cindy)
 - 17-20 students at races (11 consistently registered) 4 regular races and State Championships (Durango).
 - Tristan (High School Racer in attendance) said it was a great experience.
 - The team, as a whole, finished 3rd overall in the conference (Northern). Also placed third overall in 3 of the race events.
 - Question: Is there more activity to recruit girls onto the team?
 - There is a need to establish stronger contacts and support within the school administrator and professionals.

- Summary report from SE WY CX (Miguel & Bill)
 - Final race is this Sunday in Cheyenne. It will likely be snowy and cold. The final race is partnered with Cowboy games and this event will be officially considered as the Wyoming State Cyclocross Championship.
 - Cyclocross seems to be growing in Wyoming and in the SE region.

- Laramie BikeNet USAC/BRAC Team (Miguel)
 - Is there interest in BikeNet become an official USA Cycling team?
 - USA Cycling might facilitate insurance coverage for racing events.
 - Miguel and Tristan will research the benefits and costs to present a proposal for the next meeting.
 - They REALLY want thermal skinsuits.

- Schoolyard (Evan O)
 - 5 trail days, 400+ volunteer hours
 - 2 miles of volunteer trail built over the summer for a total approximately 7 miles.
 - \$21,000 grant to pay WyoTrails to build trail
 - Trailwork has ended for the season and will start back up in the spring.
 - UWyo Cycling team contributed a trail day as well
 - All existing trails are interconnected with no loose ends currently
 - Would like to build 2-3 more miles to complete the trail system.
 - Non-Motorized Vehicle signage will be posted within the next month (by years-end). Also there will be physical barriers installed at vulnerable access points.
 - Trying to find a solution to access the trails at the "Quarry" parking area.
 - There is a long-term consideration of reclaiming some of the illegal and unsustainable roads.
 - The UWyo Restoration Club could support that project.
 - Tools have been purchased by BikeNet to support trail building and maintenance. We need to acquire a box trailer to store and transport the tools. A BikeNet family is currently allowing us use of their trailer. Thank you!
 - Signage. Jessica Perry is designing signage for the trail system. Over the winter there will be some well-designed, but temporary signage at all of the trail junctions. This will allow up-to-date maps to be posted until all the proposed trail building and restoration projects are complete.
 - Trail counter is registering an average of 24 trail users /day.

- Pilot Hill Project (Christy & Mel)
 - A public meeting is being proposed for the first week of December.
 - A public comment period will open in mid-December.
 - A February meeting of the Public Land Board would be an ideal goal for voting on approving the land-swap.
 - Pilot Hill Christmas ornaments will be created for sale over the holidays
 - Sara Brown-Mathews is now employed by Pilot Hill Committee to exclusively pursue fundraising
 - TriHydro contributed \$100,000 to support the project
 - Funding money is constantly coming in, including in \$10,000+ amounts

- 3rd Street Project
 - To help traffic, business access, as well as pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.
 - BikeNet members should submit comments to Cindy (laramiebikenet@gmail.com) and they will be compiled into a single document to be submitted to the council.

- There is also work to provide access from 3rd street to the Laramie River path via a Spring Creek connector.
- Can we use the BN office in a better way?
 - Make it available for bike maintenance for BikeNet members
 - Especially for seasonal (ie winter) needs to have a heated space for working on bikes
 - Luke proposes a clean-up date to be scheduled for office clean-up and organizing.
 - No date was determined (TBD)
- Discuss possible Laramie/SE WYO Velo Swap (Cindy)
 - The student participation in the Local Bike Team has made the need for youth bicycle access even more prescient.
 - How about a community bike swap during the Annual BikeNet Fundraising Event in March?
 - BikeNet has purchased one mountain bike for youth program, camps, and team use.
 - A small percentage of sales from the VeloSwap could raise money specifically for purchasing additional youth bikes.
- Start discussing Membership Drive
 - Giddy-Up Film Tour is the common activity associated with the Membership event.
 - Are there other Film tour options?
 - "Filmed by Bike" - based out of Oregon
 - Membership drive volunteers: Luke, Evan E., Christy, Tristan, Harper, Bill, Michelle, Rico, Cindy
- Membership tracking/renewal
 - The current membership system is burdensome and very inefficient
 - Proposal to use Wild Apricot or Little Green Light service to manage the membership database and renewal process.
 - Harper, Bill, Luke, and Christy have volunteered to help with decision making on choosing an appropriate system and to help maintain it.
- Other plans for the rest of 2018 & 2019
 - Watch for Fat Bike Race info on our FB Page
 - Looking to form small Financial/Long-term planning committee
 - Also see specific conversations above
- Other Items
 - Bicycle Map Kiosks in key areas around Laramie to provide safe cycling routes information
 - Install one Bike Route Map in the Kiosk in front of Coal Creek
 - How about a Kiosk at key locations near University and at local public schools for students to be aware of safe/preferred bike routes?
 - We need some more money to print more maps. The Albany County Tourism Board might have funds available.
 - How about having meetings at other locations that serve food and drinks?

- How about BikeNet have a set of bikes that could be owned and rented to student riders/racing for the season?
- Rich motions for the meeting to end. Christy seconded the motion. The meeting is adjourned

Meeting Attendees: Matthew Troyanek, Evan Ely, Christy Smith, Tristan Smith, Luke Todd, Amanda Harper, Justin Rowe, Bill Gorman, Melanie Arnett, Miguel Rosales, Rich Vincent, Michelle Bourassa Stahl, Pete Stahl, Cindy Dywan, Rico V.

Thank you to everyone who attended the November 14, 2018 Laramie BikeNet Meeting. It was great to see so many people in attendance and folks stoked to make cycling in Laramie better and better. After the meeting many people stayed for an additional hour talking about all the exciting bike related adventures that are in the works and discussing ideas for how to keep building from there. It was heart-warming for me to see the cycling community coming together and new cyclists in our community being welcomed in.

Thank you,

Cindy Dywan

Laramie BikeNet, President