

February 7 BikeNet Meeting

6 pm, room 202 in Wyoming Union

Motion to begin by Cindy D., approved by Lindsay S.

Jason G. presented a \$2000 donation from the High Plains Harriers and Twin Mountain Trudge to go toward winter trail packing and maintenance.

Mike H. gave his treasurer's report. As of February 7, the BikeNet account has \$13,368 (before the Harrier's donation). About \$7000 of that account is marked for BikeNet with the remainder for 7220 Racing.

A full 2017 Year in Review will be published soon and added to the BikeNet website, and here are some updates on past BikeNet happenings:

New memberships as of February 7 are as follows:

49 individual memberships, 55 family memberships and 6 student memberships.

In 2017 BikeNet was awarded \$1344 from the Community Partners Grant. These funds went toward the designing and printing of a Laramie Bicycling Map with the help of Jessica Perry and the Albany County Tourism Board, who also donated \$500. These maps are now printed and will be distributed around the community.

This grant also helped to fund an Elementary School Bike Safety Event at Linford. 10 bike checks were performed and 1 helmet was given away. Amy Fluet also conducted a survey to ask parents of elementary age children about their biking habits. About 80 people responded to the survey, revealing that childrens' helmet use was questionable even though a big issue for biking to school is a lack of a safe route. Amy hopes to see more of the Safety Clinics happen in 2018, perhaps partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters to reach more children.

Bike Park update: still on hold after our donation of \$10,500 to the city toward this project.

Multi-Use Trail (MUT) Groomer (Snowdog) fundraising update: Dan M. reported that \$6760.50 was raised through Paypal. The groomer has been purchased, along with some accessories and maintenance/safety items. Volunteers have been using it to pack trails in the Happy Jack area, along with help from Paul Gritten who is a State Parks employee. BikeNet has partnered with MNBA on winter trail upkeep, which has been great so far. At the end of 2017 BikeNet donated \$500 to MNBA for trail packing and maintenance. Users of trails have noted that the new groomer packs trails very well, and appreciate the efforts from all involved.

School Yard update: Dan M. says that about \$20,000 is needed to continue trail work in that area this summer. He hopes that there will be more volunteer trail work days along with the Wyoming Conservation Corps since that is a great and inexpensive way to make progress on the trails. There is still some money left over from the initial grant to start on the School Yard, which will likely be used to add some fun features on existing trails.

2018 Upcoming Events and Planning:

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, a Laramie Bicycle Symposium will take place at the Pedal House from 4-8 pm. Several speakers will discuss current and upcoming projects in the Laramie area.

The Pilot Hill Land Purchase is still on-going, but after an appraisal the total price is \$10.5 million instead of the original \$14 million. An Adopt-an-Acre program to help fund the project is in the works, and if that does go through BikeNet will have a vote to decide if we should participate in that. More info on all things Pilot Hill Land Purchase can be found at [www.pilothill.org](http://www.pilothill.org)

The Laramie Community Partners Grant for 2018 is nearing it's deadline on February 22, but we are not sure if we will write for this one again this year.

Committees are forming for our upcoming Membership Drive/Giddy Up Film Festival and the Laramie Youth Cycling Program. If you would like to help with either, or just want more information, please shoot Lindsay a message at [lindsaylu@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaylu@gmail.com)

Several events that are also coming up to be aware of include: Dad Dog Ride in June (maybe), Bike Valet at Freedom Has a Birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Senior Olympics on August 2-3 for the TT and Road Race, and Southeast Wyoming Cyclocross in the fall.

Dan M. mentioned that Wyoming Pathways has renewed their grant to work on Pole Mountain Trails, along with \$13,000 from the Forest Service. We hope that they will host more volunteer work days again this year, since last year's were very successful.

Tim G. added that the Laramie Plains Civic Center is interested in working with us and other members of the cycling community to encourage bike riding to events held at the LPCC. He hopes to increase bike parking at the Civic Center, as well as give incentives to ride, such as discounted event tickets. We think this is a great idea and hope to get going on helping Tim and the LPCC.

Amy F. wanted to remind everyone that The LHS Nordic team will be hosting the state high school meet on Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th. The parking lot at Tie City is going to be crazy starting around 10 a.m. on Friday (racers will be on course from 11 a.m. until about 3 p.m.) and 8 a.m. on Saturday (the races should be done around noon or so). The Laramie Loppet will also be happening on Sunday, February 25th. If you are going to be on the trails, be aware of this and consider parking at Lower Happy Jack.

Bill G. let us know that Wyoming Pathways is hosting a Trails Summit in May, if anyone would like to go, or get more information check out their website here:  
<http://www.wyopath.org/event/wyoming-bike-walk-trails-summit-2018/>

Cindy D. motioned to end meeting, Bill G. approved.

Meeting attendees:

Lindsay Sweley

Cindy Dywan

Seth Sweley

Rich Vincent

Tim Gaddis

Amy Fluet

Mike Harokopis

Matthew Troyanek

David Bumgarner

Jason Gonzales

Tim Maloney

Larry Foianini

Bill Gorman